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Bharat Ratna conferred on P V Narasimha Rao

President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday conferred the Bharat Ratna, the country's highest civilian honour, on former prime ministers P V Narasimha Rao posthumously at a ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. P V Prabhakar Rao, the son of the former prime minister, received the award | PTI

No Hand-outs, state units told to raise funds

Cash-starved Congress cuts down on advert spend in print, TV; uses social media instead

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

FACING heat from the Income Tax department, the cash-strapped Congress party had cut down its advertisement spending in print and electronic media for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls.

The party's High Command has already sent a missive to all the state units to mobilise funds through the door-to-door campaign or by reaching out to the people. It is also giving a big push to its election campaign through various other means such as social media platforms, influencers, and Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said the party was not able to even spend ₹2 for campaign work as it's accounts have been frozen.

In Tamil Nadu, the Congress has already started raising funds through crowdfunding, says party MP B Manickam Tagore. "We have scaled down on our expenditure on campaigns through print and visual media. It may cost ₹50 crore to run a day's campaign on national media. We don't have that kind of funds now," said Tagore. "The I-T action came as a big setback on the eve of the elections. The situation could have been handled better if we had known about it six months back," he said.

Given the lack of resources, the party is lagging behind the BJP on advert spending, points out Vaibhav Walia, chairman of the Congress war room for the Lok Sabha polls. "The first phase of elections is just 19 days away but we haven't had any major campaign in any newspaper or TV. Though we tried to give an ad on the electoral bonds, most newspapers refused to publish it," he said. "The Congress is trying to go organic mostly because of the cash crunch. We are trying to put out our content on social media," he adds.

In Kerala, as the central leadership has asked party leaders to raise funds on their own.

TWO MORE I-T NOTICES

"We got two more notices on Friday night. Today I don't know how many more we will get. We got tax notices from the time of Sitaram Kesari (1993-94). It is not surprising anymore. I get surprised if we don't receive notices," said party leader Jairam Ramesh

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Vaibhav Walia, Chairman of Cong war room for polls

EXPRESS READ

Road to be shut

Bengaluru: To facilitate the construction of the South-side entry structure of Lakkasandra Underground Metro station, the North-bound traffic plying on the Bannerghatta Main Road from MICO Signal, up to Anepalya Junction, will be closed for a year starting April 1.

B'luru sizzles at 36.4 deg Celsius, beats own record

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

IF YOU thought the maximum temperature of 36.4 degrees Celsius recorded on Friday was hot for Bengaluru, then hold on. It went up a notch higher on Saturday, recording 36.6 degrees Celsius, as per India Meteorological Department (IMD) records.

That is not all, Kalaburagi recorded a maximum temperature of 41.8 degrees Celsius, Bagalkot 40.9, Koppal 39.6, Raichur 40.6 and Vijayapura- 39 degrees Celsius. IMD officials said the temperature will further rise in the coming days. The officials have forecast a rise in temperatures across the state in the coming days.

On March 29, both Bengaluru city and the Kempegowda International Airport recorded a maximum temperature of 36.4 degree Celsius. IMD officials on Friday said it was the highest in the last five years. It was also the fourth highest in the last 15 years.

'FIT FOR KITCHEN'

Shamanur slammed for jibe against women

G SUBHASH CHANDRA @ Davangere

SENIOR-MOST MLA in the Karnataka Assembly Dr Shamanur Shivashankarappa's recent remarks against the BJP candidate from the Davanagere parliamentary constituency, Gayathri Siddeshwara -- wife of incumbent MP GM Siddeshwara, has triggered a controversy.

Addressing party workers, Shivashankarappa, who is 92 years old and is also related to Siddeshwara, questioned Gayathri's qualifications to contest the election, saying she lacks the ability to address public issues. "As you all know, she wanted to give lotus flower to Modi by winning the elections. First, let them understand the problems of Davangere. We (Congress) have done developmental work in the region. It's one thing to know how to talk, but they know only to cook in the kitchen," he said.

Responding to his comments, Gayathri listed the achievements of women in different fields and said that if she gets elected, she will show how she can work as an MP. "He said that we should only cook and remain in the kitchen. What profession women are not in today? We are even flying in the sky. The old man doesn't know how women have progressed. He doesn't know the love with which all women cook at home for men, children and elders," she shot back.

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Editor Prabir named accused in NewsClick case

UJWAL JALALI @New Delhi

THE Delhi Police on Saturday filed a chargesheet running into nearly 8,000 pages in the NewsClick case under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in which Prabir Purkayastha, founder and editor-in-chief of the news-portal, is the prime accused.

According to official sources, the chargesheet which named Purkayastha and his company, PPK NewsClick Studio, as accused, includes details of the 480 electronic devices that were seized in multiple raids during the investigation.

Additional sessions judge Hardeep Kaur listed the matter on April 16 for hearing arguments on taking cognisance of the chargesheet.

Sourced told this paper that NewsClick human resources department head Amit Chakravarty has been made approver. He had in December requested in court he be made a witness.

Forest fires rage across India at 600-plus points

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @New Delhi

THERE are at least 600 forest fire points in India at present, including 30 large fire events that have been active over three days in the Central and Southern regions.

The Forest Survey of India's fire tracking portal showed on Saturday that Maharashtra has the highest number of forest fire points, followed by Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha and Chhattisgarh. In terms of large fire events, Andhra Pradesh is at the top followed by Maharashtra.

Maharashtra has 134 forest fire points, six of which have been raging for more than three days. Andhra Pradesh has eight major fire events out of 94 forest fire points. While Telangana has 82 fire points at present and five large fire events, Odisha has 63 fire points and two large fire events. (see table)

According to NASA's Fire Information for Resource Management System, the spatial resolution of the Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite (VIIRS) satellite shows that forest fires are raging nationwide especially in the Central, Western and Southern regions since the past week.

IMD scientists say high temperatures and extreme dryness provide favourable conditions for a natural fire.

MAJOR FIRE POINTS AS ON MARCH 30

STATES	FOREST FIRE POINTS
Maharashtra	134(6)
Andhra Pradesh	94(8)
Telangana	82(5)
Odisha	63(2)
Chhattisgarh	56
Uttarakhand	44
Madhya Pradesh	37(4)
Karnataka	26(1)
Rajasthan	24
Tamil Nadu	20(3)

Source: Forest Survey of India

Large fire events of at least 3 days in brackets

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30-yr-old Puneet Kumar from Mysuru is a self-taught artist whose journey from painting on paper rolls to setting world records has captured the imagination of many

FOR THIS MYSURU ARTIST, WORLD IS ONE BIG CANVAS

Artist Puneet Kumar painting various personalities; (Left) Puneet paints a wall with the famous Warli art in Mysuru | EXPRESS

KARTHIK KK @ Mysuru

AMID the hustle and bustle of everyday life, there exists a story of resilience, passion and artistic brilliance. Meet S Puneeth Kumar, a 30-year-old self-taught artist, whose journey from painting on food paper rolls to setting world records has captured the imagination of many.

Hailing from the quaint village of Nadanahalli in Mysuru, Kumar's early life was marked by adversities. Losing his father at a tender age, he was thrust into a world of financial constraints and familial responsibilities. Undeterred by the challenges, Kumar embarked on a journey fuelled by his passion for art.

Despite lacking the means to afford conventional drawing sheets or canvas, Kumar's ingenuity knew no bounds. Utilising food roll papers from his part-time job with food caterers, he honed his craft, spending countless hours experimenting with painting. It was during his BA degree days that his talent truly flourished, as he actively participated in cultural programmes and art camps, immersing himself in the world of creativity. Kumar's dedication and perseverance bore fruit when he shattered records with his breathtaking upside-down paintings. Setting a new world record by creating six of the fastest upside-down paintings, each measuring an impressive 6X6 feet, in just 19 minutes, Kumar's feat has rightfully earned him recognition from World Records India.

Prior to this achievement, he had already left an indelible mark on the art world by painting a 5x5 ft portrait of freedom fighter Bhagat Singh in just 60 seconds, setting yet another world record!

Beyond his record-breaking exploits, Kumar's passion for art extends to the streets of Mysuru. Collaborating with the Mysuru City Corporation, he has transformed mundane walls in the city into vibrant canvases, adorning them with distinctive Warli art. From compound walls to bus shelters, Kumar's creative vision has breathed a new life into the Royal City's landscape.

Every year during the famous Dasara festival, Kumar and his team of artists take up the task of beautifying the Heritage City with Warli paintings. The Mysuru City Corporation has entrusted him and passionate artists to beautify compound walls and bus shelters across the city, enlivening the streets and offering an artistic feel to tourists ahead of Dasara.

"We want to contribute something to the city which has given us a place to live. Having great passion and expertise in painting, a few of my friends and I take up Warli painting and give a facelift to old walls and bus shelters, transforming such places across KRS Road and Metagalli area in Mysuru city," Kumar said.

Santhosh, a wrestler by profession and a painter by hobby, shared his enriching experience working with Kumar. "I have accompanied Puneeth and helped him in undercoating paint, and the experience is enriching," he said.

Kumar's artistic endeavours have not only set records but also brought communities together, showcasing the transformative power of art in revitalising urban spaces and inspiring the next generation of artists. His journey stands as a testament to the spirit of pursuing one's passion against all odds, leaving a colourful legacy that continues to brighten the cultural fabric of Mysuru and beyond.

BWSSB extends deadline to fix aerators to April

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) had recommended that apartments, industries, hotels, theatres, and commercial complexes must install aerators on to their taps, to reduce water wastage. The deadline to install aerators has been extended from March 31 to April 7. BWSSB Chairman Ram Prasath Manohar said that the decision came after requests from the public.

Experts laud the board's measure, and list out possible long term measures. Appreciating BWSSB's efforts to reduce water wastage, Shashwata Neeravari Horata Samiti activist Anjaneya Reddy said that the idea is good, but it should have been implemented at least five years ago. "Measures like fixing aerators or water flow controllers is a good idea. But in the long run, we need to establish a well-networked treatment plant to treat sewage water, and to fill all water bodies in the city. BWSSB sends semi-treated water to tanks of Kolar, Chikkaballapura and Bengaluru Rural," said Reddy.

Echoing similar sentiments, director of water institute, UVCE Bengaluru University, Prof M Inayatullah said, the aerators are just a stop gap arrangement. "For now, this arrangement may fit, but we need to manage water bodies in the long run. Surface water like lakes are not maintained, they are polluted. Storm Water Drains (SWD) should be clean and carry only treated water into the lakes for groundwater recharge. Our water bodies are perennial, which is why we have floods. The civic agencies should regularly desilt them, and allow treated water to fill the water bodies. If this is achieved, the dependency on Cauvery will also come down," said Inayatullah.

K'taka first state to offer naturalist training course

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

Karnataka is the first state in the country to offer a certified course for people to become naturalists. This training is being offered under the Skill India programme of the central government.

Trained naturalists working with the government agencies and retired Indian Forest Service (IFS) officers, will be providing the training and is one of the list 16 skill training courses certified by the government.

It is like a cadet training of one month, which includes 15 days of theory and 15 days practical knowledge. All aspects of nature are taught including details of insects, butterflies, soil, flora and fauna, and wildlife. Minimum qualification to apply for the course is PUC.

"So far two batches of training have already been conducted and at the next level, we are planning to start six months course as well. The course was started to help people in rural areas to be trained, and self-sufficient. During our work, we saw a lot of people have local knowledge, but lack finances and expertise. Hence we started this programme. So far, around 60 people have been trained. While some have got jobs is private resorts as naturalists and guides, some have gone back to their native villages and have become entrepreneurs," said a retired IFS officer.

The official said that the rural folk can reap the most benefits from this course, as rural tourism, home stays, resorts, conservation and community reserves are becoming popular. Also, the youth, nowadays are travelling to the city outskirts on adventure holidays, ensuring the demand for trained naturalists is on a rise.

"Enthusiasts from other states who took training in Karnataka, have been absorbed by their state forest department officials for safari travelling. IFS officers have access and knowledge, but sometimes our communication and dissemination to students is not good. Hence we roped in seven expert naturalists to train students along with retired professors from forestry colleges," the official said.

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ROAD SAFETY

TRAFFIC POLICE BAT FOR HSRP FOR E-SCOOTERS

RAKSHITH GOWDA @Bengaluru

IN a bid to enhance road safety and curb crimes such as chain-snatching and robbery, the government has mandated High-Security Registration Plates (HSRP) for all vehicles. However, concerns have arisen regarding certain electric scooters operating without displaying number plates.

Following incidents of e-bikes often seen violating traffic rules, the Bengaluru City Traffic Police wrote to the government, urging for necessary changes regarding e-scooters.

"Electric scooters with lesser power output should be mandated to carry number plates or be subject to specific regulations," Kuldeep Kumar Jain, DCP - Traffic (East) said.

He further explained that according to the Central Motor Vehicles Rules (CMVR), electric two-wheelers with a power output below 250 watts and a top speed not greater than 30 kmph fall under the classification of electric scooters. These vehicles do not require a licence, helmet, or number plates to ride, and they are not registered under the RTO. He mentioned that the law enforcement authorities are carrying out an awareness drive for e-scooters, mostly used by delivery agents, to wear helmets, follow traffic rules, and not to ride on pavements.

Speaking about the challenges, the DCP said if these bicycles violate traffic rules, they cannot be identified as they lack number plates, and they cannot be penalised since they do not fall under the Motor Vehicle rules or traffic laws. However, though the government considers these vehicles as e-scooters, there is need to bring amendments to the law concerning them.

Anita Haddannavar, DCP Traffic (West), said e-scooters, like regular bicycles, typically don't require number plates, yet riders are still obligated to adhere to traffic regulations. She further highlighted, "The government is planning to ban e-scooters. Although these vehicles may possess unique identifiers, tracking them can be a challenge, especially owing to a lack of visible identification markers."

"The government has authorised the introduction of e-scooters as part of efforts to enhance accessibility and decrease reliance on petrol and diesel vehicles, thus curbing pollution and fostering eco-friendly practices. However, it's imperative to note that operating without a number plate and violating traffic regulations is unlawful. While electric vehicles with higher power capabilities are equipped with number plates, the RTO and the government must mandate the issuance of number plates for e-scooters, especially considering the anticipated rise in their usage in the future," traffic adviser and expert Prof MN Sreehari said.

Abhinav, a car showroom employee, mentioned that these bikes are used for deliveries and some offer pick-up and drop services. The bikes do not have number plates, which makes it easy for users to avoid police and CCTV. Though e-scooters have motors, the government sees them as regular bicycles. Hence, the government needs to make number plates mandatory for e-bikes, just as they do for other vehicles with HSRP plates.

Nimhans hosts special exhibition

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

TO RAISE awareness about bipolar disorder and combat the social stigma surrounding mental health, the Department of Psychiatry at National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), in collaboration with other departments organized a special exhibition on World Bipolar Day on Saturday.

A series of informative content and interactive sessions kept the attendees engaged. They could explore more on bipolar disorder, its symptoms, treatment options, and ways to offer support to those affected by the condition.

Alongside the exhibition, the Department of Mental Health Education and the Department of Clinical Psychopharmacology and Neurotoxicology released an infographic video on Bipolar Affective Disorder in both English and Kannada. The initiative aimed to educate the public and provide them with valuable knowledge and resources.

NIMHANS Director Dr Pratima Murthy inaugurated the event and highlighted the significance of World Bipolar Day in combating the stigma surrounding mental health disorders. Dr Murthy said, "It is upon us to inspire and stand by those impacted by this disorder, affirming that they too can lead lives as fulfilling as anyone else."

WATER FOR VOICELESS

Quenching thirst one bowl at a time

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

AMID water scarcity in Bengaluru, Water for Voiceless (WFV) stands out, contrasting challenges by ensuring animals and birds nationwide have access to clean drinking water.

The organization distributes water bowls through a network of volunteers, and organises awareness programmes as well. It has been distributing free water bowls to animal lovers and caretakers across 27 cities in 11 states. They have distributed over 82,000 free bowls since 2015. The inspiration struck when the founder, Sunny Jain, who runs a pharmacy in Tumakuru, encountered a puppy, who was accidentally hit by his car. Despite rushing to a hospital in Bengaluru his efforts to save the puppy could not save the pup.

Disturbed by the incident, Sunny encountered a similar puppy drinking from a dirty puddle and resolved to keep a bowl of water permanently placed outside his house. Sunny's act of giving bowls to his neighbours and friends sparked a domino effect, which inspired a large population.

Rahul Bhutoria, one of the volunteers, said, "What began with people simply offering water blossomed into a movement of compassion, with individuals spreading awareness about kindness to all animals and birds. This initiative has sparked the formation of compassionate communities with children of all ages enthusiastically participating in various animal welfare activities."

Operating in multiple cities, including remote areas with limited access to veterinary care and awareness, WFV has brought joy to volunteers, inspiring their families, friends, and organizations to join hands in serving clean drinking water outside their campuses, he added.

Bhutoria added that to access a free water bowl, people must first register, select their nearest pickup location, and coordinate with a volunteer for collection. It is essential for users to meticulously clean the bowls before initial use, allowing them to cure and prevent any potential leaks by setting them aside after filling them with water for a day.

Additionally, it is advised to use a dishwasher to clean the water bowls at least twice weekly to maintain hygiene standards. Users are reminded to refill the bowls with clean drinking water daily and refrain from repurposing the water for other uses, as they are specifically designed to keep water cool.

A leopard attacked three heads of cattle in Mansur village of Dharwad district on Friday. The big cat has been frequenting the village precincts since the last few days, and efforts to trap it have all gone in vain

Man kills lorry driver for polluting his house with dust

Argument between deceased and accused leads to stabbing

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

A trivial argument took a nasty turn when a man stabbed a lorry driver for allegedly polluting his house with dust while unloading sand from his lorry at a construction site in Talaghattapura police station limits at 12.30 am on Saturday. The police identified the deceased as **Lingamurthy**.

Lingamurthy, accompanied by his brother, also a lorry driver, went to a construction site in Hemmigepura village, where the trucks loaded with sand and backhoes were parked. After a while, Govindraju, Lingaraju's brother, left the spot after he got a call from his friend, the police added.

Shiva Prakash Devaraju, Deputy Commissioner of Police (South), told *The New Sunday Express*, "Chiranjeevi, another labourer, aged around 38, who had been working and staying at the neighbouring site, approached Lingamurthy and demanded that he leave because the lorry was causing dust to enter his house. Following Lingamurthy's refusal, an argument broke out between the two, following which Chiranjeevi stabbed Lingamurthy with a knife."

Lingamurthy, who sustained injuries, called Govindraju immediately and narrated the incident. Govindraju shifted Lingamurthy to a nearby hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries, the senior officer added.

The Talaghattapura police, who have registered a case of murder, have arrested Chiranjeevi in connection with the case.

LEAFLESS LIFELESS

A flock of great cormorants perch themselves in nests on the branches of a tree, which has gone dry in the face of searing heat, at Sankey Tank on Saturday

32-yr-old man hacks girlfriend to death in Jayanagar park

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A 32-year-old man allegedly stabbed his 42-year-old girlfriend in a park on Saturday.

The police are yet to ascertain the motive behind the murder, but preliminary investigation revealed that the victim had reportedly refused to marry the accused, Girish alias Rehan.

The police identified the deceased as Farida Khanum, who hailed from Kolkata and was said to be in relationship with Girish, a resident of Jayanagar 6th Block.

The police said that on Saturday, following a fight, Girish called Farida to meet him at a park in Jayanagar. There again, the argument escalated when Farida reportedly refused to marry him. Girish allegedly pulled out a machete and hacked her to death.

A police officer said Farida was staying at a lodge in JP Nagar for the last few days. It is yet to be ascertained whether she was living in Bengaluru temporarily or had come from Kolkata to meet Girish.

The Jayanagar police have arrested Girish in connection with the murder and further investigation into the case is on.

Wife's travel upets hubby, attacks KSRTC driver

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

WHAT was intended to provide free services to women passengers ended up creating trouble for a Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) bus driver after a man assaulted the driver because of his wife, who had been availing the benefits of the government's Shakti scheme (which provides free bus rides for women).

The incident occurred when Naga, a resident of Chikkasandra in Nelamangala, learnt that his wife left for her native place without informing him. He came to know of her departure only after she arrived at her native place in a KSRTC bus. Agitated over his wife's frequent trips to her hometown, taking advantage of the free bus service, Naga attempted to attack the bus driver with a knife and later resorted to using a large stick to assault him. Passersby who witnessed the altercation intervened to assist the bus driver before Naga could cause him any harm.

Following the bizarre incident, the video which captured Naga's action, where he is trying to attack the KSRTC staff with a stick went viral on social media platforms.

CRIME PATROL

Congress worker assaults Head Constable, arrested

Bengaluru: A head constable was assaulted by a Congress worker at Ramdevar Circle in Anekal on Friday night. Head constable Ashok who suffered serious head injury after being attacked by a milk crate was admitted to hospital, after which he filed a case. Police nabbed Yallappa, who is said to have connections with MLA Shivanna and MP DK Suresh. Sources said Ashok is attached to the Electronics City Police station, and is Yallappa's brother-in-law. The duo had fought over personal issues.

BMTC driver climbs tree to fetch jackfruit, falls and dies

Bengaluru: In a tragic incident in Nelamangala on Saturday, a 45-year-old BMTC bus driver lost his life on falling from a tree while attempting to pluck jackfruit. Manjunatha LM, a resident of Aralasandra Taluk, Nelamangala, and a dedicated employee at the Peenya BMTC depot for the past 15 years, is the deceased. According to the police, Manjunatha had taken leave on Saturday and went alone to his farm around 1.30pm to pluck jackfruit. Unfortunately, he slipped and fell from the tree, from a height of 50 feet. A neighbour who saw Manjunatha on the ground, rushed him to hospital, where he was declared dead.

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Registered Office: No.61/1, VGP Complex, First Avenue, Ashok Nagar, Chennai– 600 083, Tamil Nadu, India. **Corporate Office:** ICL Fincorp Limited, Main Road, Irinjalakuda, Thrissur– 680 121, Kerala, India. **Telephone:** +91 480 2670400, 2828071, 2831305; **Corporate Identification Number:** U65191TN1991PLC021815; **PAN:** AAACJ1806C; **E-mail:** info@iclfincorp.com; **Website:** www.iclfincorp.com **Company Secretary and Compliance Officer:** Visakh T.V.; **Email:** cs@iclfincorp.com; **Telephone:** +91 480 2670400, 2828071, 2831305; **Chief Financial Officer:** Madhavankutty Thekkedath; **Email:** cfo@iclfincorp.com; **Telephone:** +91 480-2670400, 2828071, 2831305.

THE ISSUE

PUBLIC ISSUE BY OUR COMPANY OF 7,50,000 SECURED, REDEEMABLE, NON-CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹ 1,000 EACH, ("NCDS") AT PAR, FOR AN AMOUNT AGGREGATING UP TO ₹ 7,50,000 THOUSAND, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "ISSUE SIZE". THE ISSUE IS BEING MADE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA (ISSUE AND LISTING OF NON-CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES) REGULATIONS, 2021, AS AMENDED, THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 AND RULES MADE THEREUNDER TO THE EXTENT NOTIFIED AND THE SEBI MASTER CIRCULAR AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME. THE ISSUE IS NOT PROPOSED TO BE UNDERWRITTEN.

OUR PROMOTERS

(i) Kuzhuppilly Govinda Menon Anilkumar; **Email:** anil@iclfincorp.com; **Telephone:**+ 91 8589020137; and (ii) Umadevi Anilkumar; **Email:** uma@iclfincorp.com; **Telephone:** +91 8589020186. For further details see *"Our Promoter"* on page 109 of the Prospectus.

CREDIT RATING: "ACUITE BBB-"WITH STABLE OUTLOOK BY ACUITE RATINGS & RESEARCH LIMITED

Our Company has received rating of "ACUITE BBB-" with stable outlook for an amount of ₹5,00,000 thousand by Acuite vide rating letter dated February 29, 2024. Further, Acuite has provided the rating of "ACUITE BBB-" with a stable outlook vide rating letter dated October 17, 2023 for an amount of ₹15,00,000 thousand which was reaffirmed by Acuite vide rating letter dated February 29, 2024 for the NCDs proposed to be issued pursuant to this Issue. The rating given by Acuite Ratings and Research Limited is valid as on the date of this Prospectus and shall remain valid on the date of the issue and allotment of NCDs and the listing of the NCDs on BSE. The ratings provided by Acuite Ratings and Research Limited may be suspended, withdrawn or revised at any time by the assigning rating agency and should be evaluated independently of any other rating. These ratings are not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and Investors should take their own decisions. Please refer to Annexure I *"on page 371 of the prospectus"* for the rating rationale and press release.

ISSUE PROGRAMME

ISSUE OPENS ON: APRIL 05, 2024 (FRIDAY)

ISSUE CLOSES ON: APRIL 23, 2024 (TUESDAY)*

**The Issue shall remain open for subscription on Working Days from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Indian Standard Time), during the period indicated above, except that the Issue may close on such earlier date or extended date as may be decided by the Board of Directors of our Company or the Debenture Issue Committee, subject to relevant approvals (subject to a minimum period of three working days and a maximum period of 10 working days from the date of opening of this Issue). In the event of an early closure or extension of the Issue, our Company shall ensure that notice of such early closure or extension is given to the prospective investors through an advertisement in a national daily newspaper and a regional daily newspaper in Tamil Nadu where the registered office is located, with wide circulation on or before such earlier date or extended date of closure. Application Forms for the Issue will be accepted only from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Indian Standard Time) or such extended time as may be permitted by the Stock Exchange, on Working Days during the Issue Period. On the Issue Closing Date, Application Forms will be accepted only between 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and uploaded until 5:00 p.m. (Indian Standard Time) or such extended time as may be permitted by the Stock Exchange.*

Allotment on "first come first serve basis" #

 # As per the SEBI Master Circular, the allotment in this Issue is required to be made on the basis of date of upload of each application into the electronic book of the Stock Exchange. For further details refer section titled "Issue Related Information" on page 298 of the Prospectus.

ISSUE STRUCTURE

Options	I#	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X
Frequency of Interest Payment	Monthly*	Monthly*	Monthly*	Monthly*	Cumulative	Cumulative	Cumulative	Annually**	Annually**	Cumulative
Minimum Application	10 NCDs (₹ 10,000) (across all options of NCDs)									
In multiples of thereafter (₹)	1 NCDs (₹ 1,000) after the minimum application									
Face Value/ Issue Price of NCDs (₹/ NCD)	₹ 1,000									
Tenor	13 Months	24 Months	36 Months	60 Months	13 Months	24 Months	36 Months	24 Months	36 Months	68 Months
Coupon (% per annum) for NCD Holders in all Categories	11.00%	11.50%	12.00%	12.50%	NA	NA	NA	11.75%	12.25%	NA
Effective Yield (% per annum) for NCD Holders in all Categories	11.57%	12.13%	12.68%	13.24%	11.55%	12.36%	13.03%	11.75%	12.25%	13.73%
Mode of Interest Payment	Through various modes									
Amount (₹/ NCD) on Maturity for NCD Holders in all Categories	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,125.16	1,254.40	1,423.83	1,000	1,000	2,000
Maturity / Redemption Date (months from the Deemed Date of Allotment)	13 Months	24 Months	36 Months	60 Months	13 Months	24 Months	36 Months	24 Months	36 Months	68 Months
Put and Call Option	Not Applicable									
Nature of indebtedness	Secured									

*#Our Company shall allocate and allot Option I NCDs wherein the Applicants have not indicated the choice of the relevant NCD Options. *With respect to Options where interest is to be paid on a monthly basis, relevant interest will be calculated on the face value of the NCDs from the first day till the last date of every month during the tenor of such NCDs, and paid on the first day of every subsequent month. For the first interest payment for NCDs under the monthly options, interest from the Deemed Date of Allotment till the last day of the subsequent month will be clubbed and paid on the first day of the month next to that subsequent month. The last interest payment under monthly options will be made at the time of redemption of the NCDs. **With respect to Options where interest is to be paid on an annual basis, relevant interest will be paid on each anniversary of the Deemed Date of Allotment on the face value of the NCDs. The last interest payment under annual Options will be made at the time of redemption of the NCDs. Note : (1) Please refer to Annexure III for details pertaining to the cash flows of the Company in accordance with the SEBI Master Circular. (2) Subject to applicable tax deducted at source, if any.*

CONTENTS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF THE COMPANY AS REGARDS ITS OBJECTS: INVESTORS ARE REQUESTED TO REFER CLAUSE 3 OF THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF THE COMPANY FOR THE MAIN OBJECTS AND THE OBJECTS INCIDENTAL AND ANCILLARY TO THE ATTAINMENT OF MAIN OBJECT OF THE COMPANY. THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF THE COMPANY IS A MATERIAL DOCUMENT FOR INSPECTION IN RELATION TO THE ISSUE. FOR FURTHER DETAILS, PLEASE SEE *"MATERIAL CONTRACTS AND DOCUMENTS FOR INSPECTION"* BEGINNING ON PAGE 368 OF THE PROSPECTUS.

LIABILITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY: LIMITED BY SHARES

AMOUNT OF CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE: THE ISSUED, SUBSCRIBED AND PAID UP SHARE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY AS ON DECEMBER 31, 2023 IS AS FOLLOWS:

Particulars	Aggregate value (in ₹)
AUTHORISED SHARE CAPITAL	
10,00,00,000 Equity Shares of face value ₹10 each	100,00,00,000
50,00,000 Preference Shares of face value ₹100 each	50,00,00,000
TOTAL AUTHORISED SHARE CAPITAL	**150,00,00,000**
ISSUED, SUBSCRIBED AND PAID-UP SHARE CAPITAL	
4,73,93,561 Equity shares of face value ₹10 each	47,39,35,610
2,84,000 Preference Shares of face value ₹100 each	2,84,00,000
Total issued, subscribed and paid-up share capital	**50,23,35,610**
SECURITIES PREMIUM ACCOUNT	
Securities premium account before the Issue	28,92,56,010

AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATION FORM: Application forms can be obtained from: ICL FINCORP LIMITED - Telephone No.: +91 480 2670400, 2828071, 2831305; Lead Manager : Saffron Capital Advisors Private Limited - Telephone No.: +91 22 49730394 and the office of Syndicate Member, Trading Members, Designated Intermediary(ies) and Designated Branches of the SCSBs. Electronic application forms will be available on the websites of the SCSBs that permit submission of ASBA Application electronically. Application forms may be downloaded from the websites of Stock Exchange, Lead Manager and Syndicate Member. Additionally, UPI Investor making an application in the Issue can also make bid through online (app / web) interface/ platform of the BSE i.e. **"BSE Direct"**. Further, BSE Direct platform can be accessed at https://www.bsedirect.com & or can be accessed through mobile app. Further, application forms will also be provided to Designated Intermediaries at their request.

AVAILABILITY OF PROSPECTUS: Investors are advised to refer to the Prospectus and the *"Risk Factors"* on page 16 of the Prospectus, before applying to the Issue. Physical copy of the Prospectus may be obtained from the Registered Office of the Company and the Lead Manager. Full copies of the Prospectus will also be available on the website of the Issuer at www.iclfincorp.com, the Lead Manager at www.saffronadvisor.com, BSE at www.bseindia.com and SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in.

ASBA Simple, Safe, Smart way of Application!!! | Application Supported by Blocked Amount (ASBA) is a better way of applying to issues by simply blocking the fund in the bank account, **Mandatory in public issues. No cheque will be accepted.**

UPI - Now available in ASBA for Retail Individual Investors. Bidders are required to ensure that the bank account used for bidding is linked to their PAN.

UPI is now available for Retail Individual Investors submitting bids up to an application value of ₹ 5,00,000, applying through Designated Intermediaries, SCSBs or through the BSE Direct App / Web interface of stock exchange or any other permitted methods. For details of the ASBA and UPI process, please refer to the details given in the Application form and also refer to the section of *"Issue Procedure"* on page 319 of the prospectus. List of the banks supporting UPI is also available on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in. **Axis Bank Limited** has been appointed as the Sponsor bank for the issue, in accordance with the requirements of the SEBI Master Circular.

LISTING: The NCDs offered through the Prospectus are proposed to be listed on BSE Limited (**"BSE"**) and BSE shall be the Designated Stock Exchange. Our Company has received an 'in-principle' approval from BSE vide their letter no. DCS/BM/PI-BOND/031/23-24 dated March 27, 2024.

GENERAL RISK: Investment in non-convertible securities is risky, and investors should not invest any funds in such securities unless they can afford to take the risk attached to such investments. Investors are advised to take an informed decision and to read the risk factors carefully before investing in this offering. For taking an investment decision, the investors must rely on their own examination of the issuer and the issue, including the risks involved. Specific attention of the investors is invited to the chapter titled *"Risk Factors"* on page 16 and *"Material Developments"* on page 114 of the Prospectus, before making an investment in this Issue. The Prospectus has not been and will not be approved by any Regulatory Authority in India, including the Securities and Exchange Board of India (**"SEBI"**), the Reserve Bank of India (**"RBI"**), any Registrar of Companies or any Stock Exchange in India nor do they guarantee the accuracy or adequacy of the Prospectus.

DISCLAIMER CLAUSE OF BSE: It is to be distinctly understood that the permission given by BSE Limited should not in any way be deemed or construed that the draft offer document has been cleared or approved by BSE Limited nor does it certify the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of the prospectus. The investors are advised to refer to the draft offer document / offer document for the full text of the disclaimer clause of the BSE Limited.

DISCLAIMER CLAUSE OF USE OF BSE ELECTRONIC PLATFORM: It is to be distinctly understood that the permission given by the BSE to use their network and software of the Online system should not in any way be deemed or construed as compliance with various statutory requirements approved by the Exchange; nor does it in any manner warrant, certify or endorse the correctness or completeness of any of the compliance with the statutory and other requirements; nor does it take any responsibility for the financial or other soundness of this Company, its promoters, its management or any scheme or project of this Company.

NAMES OF THE SIGNATORIES AT THE TIME OF SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION COMPANY AND THE NUMBER OF SHARES SUBSCRIBED FOR BY THEM AT THE TIME OF SIGNING THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION: Given are the names of the signatories of the Memorandum of Association of the Company and the number of equity shares subscribed of face value of ₹ 10/- each by them at the time of signing of Memorandum of Association: J. Amarchand Kothari (10 equity shares allotted), A Badal Kanwar (10 equity shares allotted), K. Ashok Bohra (10 equity shares allotted), Subash Chand Jain (10 equity shares allotted), Mahaveer Chand Kothari (10 equity shares allotted), K. Ashok Kumar Jain (10 equity shares allotted) and Narendra Kumar Jain (10 equity shares allotted) at the time of incorporation of the Company aggregating to 70 Equity Shares of face value of ₹ 10/- each.

DISCLAIMER CLAUSE OF ACUITE: An Acuite Rating does not constitute an audit of the rated entity and should not be treated as a recommendation or opinion that is intended to substitute for a financial adviser's or investor's independent assessment of whether to buy, sell or hold any security. Ratings assigned by Acuite are based on the data and information provided by the issuer and obtained from other reliable sources. Although reasonable care has been taken to ensure that the data and information is true, Acuite, in particular, makes no representation or warranty, expressed or implied with respect to the adequacy, accuracy or completeness of the information relied upon. Acuité is not responsible for any errors or omissions and especially states that it has no financial liability whatsoever for any direct, indirect or consequential loss of any kind, arising from the use of its ratings. Ratings assigned by Acuite are subject to a process of surveillance which may lead to a revision in ratings as and when the circumstances so warrant. Please visit our website (www.acuite.in) for the latest information on any instrument rated by Acuite.

DISCLAIMER CLAUSE OF RBI: The company is having a valid certificate of registration dated June 9, 2016 under section 45 IA of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. A copy of the Prospectus has not been filed with or submitted to the Reserve Bank of India (**"RBI"**). It is distinctly understood that the Prospectus should not in anyway be deemed or construed to be approved or vetted by RBI. RBI does not accept any responsibility or guarantee about the present position as to the financial soundness of the issuer or for the correctness of any of the statements or representations made or opinions expressed by the issuer and for discharge of liability by the issuer.

RBI neither accepts any responsibility nor guarantee for the payment of any amount due to any investor in respect of the proposed NCDs.

LEAD MANAGER TO THE ISSUE

SAFFRON energising ideas

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INVESTORS MAY CONTACT THE REGISTRAR TO THE ISSUE OR THE COMPANY SECRETARY AND COMPLIANCE OFFICER IN CASE OF ANY PRE ISSUE OR POST ISSUE RELATED ISSUES SUCH AS NON RECEIPT OF INTIMATION OF ALLOTMENT, DEMAT CREDIT OF ALLOTTED NCD'S OR REFUNDS, AS THE CASE MAY BE.

*MITCON Credentia Trusteeship Services Limited (formerly known as MITCON Trusteeship Services Limited) under Regulation 8 of the SEBI NCS Regulations has by its letter dated March 4, 2024 given its consent for its appointment as Debenture Trustee to this issue and for its name to be included in the Prospectus and in all the subsequent periodical communications sent to the holders of the debentures issued pursuant to this Issue.

PUBLIC ISSUE ACCOUNT BANK: AXIS BANK LIMITED **SYNDICATE MEMBER:** SAFFRON CAPITAL ADVISORS PRIVATE LIMITED.

DISCLAIMER OF THE ISSUER: ICL Fincorp Limited (**"Company"**), subject to market conditions, and other considerations, is proposing a public issue of secured redeemable non-convertible debentures (**"NCDs"**) and has filed a prospectus dated March 28, 2024 (**"Prospectus"**) with the Registrar of Companies, Tamil Nadu at Chennai (**"RoC"**), BSE Limited (**"BSE"**) and Securities and Exchange Board of India (**"SEBI"**). The Prospectus is available on the website of the Company at www.iclfincorp.com, on the website of BSE at www.bseindia.com, on the website of the lead manager at www.saffronadvisor.com and on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in. Investors proposing to participate in the Issue should invest only on the basis of the information contained in the Prospectus. Investors should note that investment in the NCDs involves a high degree of risk and for details in relation to the same, refer to the Prospectus, including the section titled *"Risk Factors"* and *"Material Developments"* beginning on page 16 and 114 respectively of the Prospectus. Capitalised terms not defined herein shall have the same meaning as assigned to such terms in the Prospectus.

PLACE: Chennai
DATE: 30.03.2024

For **ICL Fincorp Limited,**
Sd/-
K.G. Anilkumar
(Chairman & Managing Director) DIN: 00766739

The Congress high command asked 10 ministers to contest the polls, but they were not confident of victory

Basavaraj Bommai, BJP candidate for Haveri LS seat

POLLING DATE
PHASE-2 APRIL 26
PHASE-3 MAY 7

DAYS TO GO
PHASE-2 26
PHASE-3 37

TOTAL SEIZURES ₹65,12,90,294

FIRS BOOKED 1,030

COMPLAINTS ON CVIGIL 10,040
No. of candidates filing nominations for Phase-2 elections 50

TWEET OF THE DAY

I strongly condemn any statement that remotely reeks of sexism and misogyny, coming from anyone. Congress Party's women centric guarantees in Karnataka- Gruhalakshmi, Shakti, Gruhajyothi and Anna Bhagya, alongside Akka Cafe scheme which was announced in the recent budget session, are testament to our ideology that we honour women as empowered embodiment of progress & prosperity.

@DK Shivakumar, Deputy Chief Minister

CONG PICKS GOWTHAM FOR KOLAR, MUNIYAPPA'S EFFORTS GO IN VAIN

Strongman meets Kharge, Venugopal, Surjewala in one last-ditch effort

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

THE Congress high command on Saturday declared **KV Gowtham** as its candidate for the Kolar Lok Sabha constituency, resolving a month-long imbroglio.

With this, the efforts of Food and Civil Supplies minister KH Muniyappa to get the ticket for his son-in-law Chikkapeddanna has come to an end. Muniyappa's unrelenting stand had led to a flash point when five legislators, including Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar, led by former Assembly speaker KR Ramesh Kumar, had rushed to Vidhana Soudha a few days ago, threatening to resign if Chikkapeddanna is given the ticket. They had insisted that an SC right candidate should be selected.

But the party has opted for a middle ground by not ceding to pressures from both sides and choosing Gowtham, who hails from the SC left community. If the party had not this, Muniyappa, who belongs to the same community, would have made it an issue, accusing the party of letting down the community, as it has given three tickets to SC right candidates out of the five Lok Sabha seats reserved for the Scheduled Caste category.

"I welcome the party's decision and will work for the victory of the candidates, not only in Kolar and Chikkaballapur, but all the 28 LS constituencies. AICC general secretaries KC Venugopal and Randeep Singh Surjewala spoke to me in this regard," Muniyappa said at the Kempegowda International airport on Saturday.

By then, he had met AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge in New Delhi and KC Venugopal in Thiruvananthapuram making a last-ditch effort to get the ticket for Chikkapeddanna, but in vain, party sources said.

Congress, late on Friday evening, announced candidates for Chikkaballapur, Chamarajanagar and Ballari seats, leaving out Kolar.

Gowtham (48), president of the Bengaluru Central District Congress Committee, claimed that he never expected the party ticket. But the feud between Muniyappa and Ramesh Kumar came as a blessing for him.

"Whatever may be the differences between the leaders at an individual level, they have no issues when it comes to my candidature. Muniyappa is my 'guru' as I worked with him for over 25 years. I start my campaign after taking his blessings and taking others along," Gowtham, an engineering (civil) graduate from RV College, told reporters.

"His father KC Vijaykumar was Bengaluru Mayor in 1991 and was close to both Kharge and former CM SM Krishna. Gowtham is in good terms with Ramesh Kumar too and this will help him, a leader said. The onus is now on the Ramesh Kumar faction to get Gowtham elected, as Muniyappa is unlikely to give his full support," he added.

"There is no scope for factionalism in the party as I have spoken to Muniyappa and his daughter Roopakala Shashidar, who is KGF MLA. I am confident that no one will cross the Laksman Rekha," Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president D K Shivakumar said.

Surjewala praises Muniyappa for sacrifice

In an apparent move to pacify a sulking Muniyappa, a seven-time Lok Sabha member from Kolar, but lost the seat only in 2019, Surjewala praised him for his sacrifice in the interest of winning the Kolar seat.

DCM DK Shivakumar, with MLC MR Seetharam and Chikkaballapur Congress candidate Raksha Ramaiah, at a meeting of Seva Dal workers, in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

DCM: Got I-T notice on matter already settled

DKS: NO SCOPE FOR GROUPISM IN CONGRESS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

DCM DK Shivakumar on Saturday said that he has received an Income Tax notice in an old case that has already been settled.

Speaking to reporters here, Shivakumar came down heavily on PM Narendra Modi-led Union Government, saying it only targeted the leaders of the opposition and spared those in the BJP. "The case against me is closed, and yet the IT Department sent me a notice last night (Friday night). Many BJP leaders are facing corruption charges, but no investigation has been carried out against them or notices served. The BJP government is targeting only those in opposition. They file a B report and close the cases if one joins the BJP," he said, adding that the BJP has been tormenting the opposition as it fears losing the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. "We are a democracy, but the BJP is abusing the opposition through the Income Tax Department. Nothing is permanent in politics. The I.N.D.I.A bloc will come to power, and the BJP is aware of it, and hence it is resorting to such things," he added.

Asked if Union Home Minister Amit Shah has been targeting him and his younger brother, DK Suresh, Bengaluru Rural MP, by planning to hold a mega rally in Channapatna soon, Shivakumar said, "The stronger we become, the more opponents we have. The stronger we emerge, the more power we will have."

Shivakumar denied any rift within the Congress concerning the Kolar candidate. "I have had discussions with KH Muniyappa and other leaders, and they have given their opinion. There is no scope for groupism in Congress. We have given clear instructions to the leaders that they have to work for the party. We have given the ticket to an ordinary party worker, and all the leaders have to work for his victory," the KPCC chief added.

Women and Child Development MInister Laxmi Hebbalkar speaks at an election rally in Saudatti on Saturday | EXPRESS

Need MP who'll work for people, says Laxmi

ENS @ Belagavi

QUESTIONING the BJP for making an appeal to voters in every Lok Sabha election to vote for the party by looking at their top leader (PM Narendra Modi), Women and Child Development Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar on Saturday said, "You (voters) have already seen the MP in Belagavi district for 10 years now... Shouldn't the MP who represents the people, do something for his constituency? How can people vote for the same candidates in the name of a party's top leader?"

At an election rally in Saudatti taluk, Hebbalkar appealed to the people to vote for her son Mrinal of the Congress in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls from the Belagavi constituency, and said she would ensure justice to them.

As Minister for Women and Child Development, she said she had the opportunity to help more than 1.20 crore women in the state financially. She claimed that every family in the state was benefiting from one or the other guarantee schemes of the government.

The state government headed by Siddaramaiah assured the people of giving 10-kg rice to each family, but the Centre did not agree to supply rice to the state. She said the government had to deposit the money to the beneficiaries bank accounts directly instead of giving them the rice. The state government was struggling to rescue the people from the heat of inflation, she added. While stating that Belagavi needed an MP who would help the constituency by getting works implemented, Hebbalkar asked the people to elect her son as the MP, who would work hard for the development of the Belagavi LS constituency.

Spl court orders criminal case against Hebbalkar for Anganwadi workers' meeting

BENGALURU: The Special Court in Bengaluru passed an order to register a criminal case against Minister for Women and Child Development Laxmi Hebbalkar for holding a meeting with Anganwadi workers in Belagavi without seeking permission from the Assistant Election Officer. The court directed filing a case against the hall owner Mallappa Vasannavar too. It issued summons to the duo through the jurisdictional police for violating the model code of conduct (MCC). Preeth J, the 42nd Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (Special Court for the trial of cases against sitting and former MPs/MLAs), passed the order after hearing a private complaint filed by the chief of the flying squad team of the Election Commission. "On the basis of the materials placed before me, a prima facie case is made against the accused persons, to take cognizance of the offence punishable under Section 188 of IPC," the judge said. **ENS**

Sumalatha to announce her next move on April 3

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

INDEPENDENT MP **Sumalatha Ambareesh** said she will announce her future course of action in Mandya on April 3. Sumalatha was trying to secure the BJP ticket to seek re-election from the Mandya Lok Sabha seat, but the constituency has been given to BJP coalition partner JDS.

Addressing supporters from Mandya, who had come to her residence in Bengaluru, Sumalatha said any decision would be taken keeping in mind the best interests of her supporters.

They urged her to contest the LS polls. In 2019, she won as an independent candidate backed by BJP.

Sumalatha said she has done her best to serve the people of Mandya and uphold the dignity of Mandya in the Lok Sabha. She said she turned down the offer to contest from another seat. "I have always made it very clear that if I contest, it will only be from Mandya, and no other seat," she said, adding that they have an emotional connect with Mandya. "I will hold consultations in Mandya on April 3 and announce my decision," she added.

Later speaking to reporters, she said she was aware of the BJP high command's efforts to retain the seat with BJP during the talks with the JDS. She said they have to think about lakhs of people who supported her during the difficult times.

Ready for debate on Cong, BJP achievements: Priyank

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kalaburagi

RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge has accepted the challenge of Kalaburagi MP and BJP candidate for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, Dr Umesh Jadhav, for an open debate on the achievements of the Congress State Government and of the BJP government.

Neither the BJP nor Dr Jadhav are in a position to organise an open debate as the saffron party has not done anything on the development front, Priyank told reporters here on Saturday. "But the Congress, when in power in the Centre and now in Karnataka, has done a lot for people," Priyank said, while listing out the achievements of the Congress.

Priyank asked Dr Jadhav, who has challenged the Congress, to tell which institution he completed his MBBS. "Was it established by the Congress government or not?" Priyank asked. He said it was the Congress which made Dr Jadhav a political leader, as it had fielded him from Chincholi and made him an MLA. "Instead of behaving like an MP, Dr Jadhav behaves like the president of Modi Fans' Association," Priyank quipped.

Listing out the achievements of the previous Congress governments at the Centre, Priyank said that his father and AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge played an important role in amending Article 371(J) to provide special status to districts in Kalyana Karnataka. "The Central University of Karnataka was established due to the efforts of my father and former CM Dharam Singh. The ESIC Medical Complex was established when my father was the Union Labour Minister, and a Railway Division was sanctioned to Kalaburagi when he was the Railway Minister," Priyank elaborated. "Let Dr Jadhav list out what the BJP has done for Kalaburagi," he added.

'3 Rs' only achievements of Centre, says Priyank

The achievements of the BJP government at the Centre are only '3 Rs' — Renaming, Relaunching, and Repackaging the schemes launched by the Congress, RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge said. "Most of the schemes introduced by the Centre were of proportionate sharing by the State Governments. It means the credit should also be shared by the State Governments," he said.

BJP files plaint against Shamanur

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BJP filed a complaint with the Election Commission of India, party spokesperson Malavika Avinash said.

Badminton player and Olympic medallist Saina Nehwal too hit out at Shivashankarappa for his comments. Taking to X, she said Shivashankarappa's statements are in sharp contrast to the Congress' slogan of "Ladki Hoon Lad Sakti Hoon" (I am a woman, I can fight).

"When I won medals for Bharat on the play field what would congress party have preferred I should have done? Why say like that when all the girls and women dream of achieving big in any field they like on one hand we are doing Nari Shakti ko Vandan. The Women's Reservation Bill has been passed under leadership of our PM Modi sir and on the other hand Nari Shakti ka apman & misogynistic people. Really upsetting," she posted.

BJP misusing govt agencies to target Congress, says CM

BENGALURU: CM Siddaramaiah has accused the BJP of misusing government agencies like the I-Tax Department, ED, and CBI to target the Congress Party ahead of the Lok Sabha elections.

"These tactics are a form of 'tax terrorism'. The BJP is under the illusion that it can win the election by weakening our party," he stated. The CM said the BJP's tactics reflect its fear of impending defeat in the polls. He highlighted a recent notice issued by the I-T department to Congress, alleging unpaid income taxes totalling Rs 1,823 crore. The CM pointed out the discrepancies in BJP's own financial records during 2017-18, revealing contributions from 92 undisclosed donors and 1,297 lacking address details, amounting to Rs 42 crore. He argued that if the same criteria were applied to the BJP, it would be liable to pay Rs 4,263 crore for tax discrepancies over the last seven years.

Shah to start poll campaign on April 2

BENGALURU: Union Home Minister Amit Shah will start his election campaign in Karnataka on April 2. He will hold meetings with leaders and take part in a roadshow in the Bengaluru Rural constituency. JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda's son-in-law Dr CN Manjunath is contesting as a BJP candidate from there.

BJP Election Management Committee state convenor V Sunil Kumar said Shah will arrive in Bengaluru on April 2, and hold a breakfast meeting with senior leaders from both the BJP and JDS. He will address 5,000 workers from the 'Shakti Kendras' in four LS constituencies in Bengaluru, and Chikkaballapur at Palace Grounds at 11 am. From 2 pm to 4 pm, he will hold separate meetings with prominent leaders from Chikkaballapur, Tumakuru, Davanagere, and Chitradurga LS segments and take part in a roadshow in Channapatna. Sunil Kumar said it is not just a roadshow or a campaign launch, but an ideological fight against the forces that talk about dividing the country.

Changing Joshi's candidature: Lingayat seers distance selves from grouping

PRAMODKUMAR VAIDYA @ Hubballi

WHAT seemed to be a united opposition of Veerashaiva Lingayat seers, headed by Dingaleshwar Swamiji of Shirahatti Bhavaikya Peetha, against the candidature of Union Minister **Pralhad Joshi** in the Dharwad parliamentary segment, it is now crumbling. Some of the seers who were part of the meeting are now taking back their statements and withdrawing from their earlier stand.

Heads of various Lingayat Mutts of the region met at Moorusavir Mutt here on Wednesday and accused Joshi of showing disrespect to religious heads. They resolved to demand the BJP central leadership to shift Joshi from Dharwad to another constituency. But the same day, BJP veteran BS Yediyurappa had refused to change Joshi's candidature.

The grouping started coming unhinged from the very next day. Mallikarjun Mahaswamiji, who was part of the meeting and also present during the news briefing, dissociated himself from the demand.

He stated in a press note, "The mutt is not limited to any political party and does not participate in political matters. Also, the mutt has nothing to do with the decisions taken by any political party on the selection of candidates." But this release itself landed in a controversy with the seer later saying he was forced to issue it.

Meanwhile, the head of the most-influential Moorusavir Mutt too has distanced himself from the resolution. The pontiff stated that he never opposed Joshi's candidature. The selection of a candidate is the prerogative of a political party and the decision is left to the party's leadership, he stated.

He also denied the allegation that Joshi disrespected religious heads, saying the Union minister always respected him. The mutt has always restrained from airing political remarks, he added.

Rudramuni Swamiji of Tipatur Shadakshari Mutt defended Joshi and strongly reprimanded Dingaleshwar Swamiji for using the platform of Moorusavir Mutt to meet his political goals. The seer said that in his four terms as an MP, Joshi was never biased against any community. Being in close proximity to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Joshi has emerged as an influential leader. Changing his candidature is irrelevant, he added.

He accused Dingaleshwar Swamiji of poking his nose into politics and making baseless allegations against Joshi. If the seer wants to contest the election, he should keep himself away from Moorusavir Mutt, he said.

Joshi has refused to comment on the issue. Also, the deadline set for BJP to shift Joshi to another constituency ends on Sunday and Dingaleshwar Swamiji is expected to make some announcement on his next course of action.

ODISHA POLL DRAMA

MP, EX-MLAS SWITCH SIDES

Anubhav fell from CM's grace for washing his dirty linen in public

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bhubaneswar

IN a major setback for BJD ahead of elections, three of its prominent leaders, who were also its star campaigners including a sitting MP and two former MLAs resigned on Saturday indicating all is not well in the regional party.

Popular Odiya cine star and Kendrapara MP Anubhav Mohanty is the second sitting MP of BJD after Bhartruhari Mahtab to quit the party. Incidentally, the controversial actor-tuned-politician was the only leader from the party to join the Holi Milan organised by Mahtab in Cuttack while other invitees stayed away sensing trouble.

In his resignation letter to BJD president and Odisha's CM Naveen Patnaik, Mohanty said, "I am writing to inform you of my decision to resign from Biju Janata Dal, effective immediately." Explaining the reason to quit, the Kendrapara MP said, "I have been grappling with undisclosed concerns that made me feel suffocated over the last four years." Anubhav had fallen from the CM's grace after he started washing his dirty linen in public concerning his marital discord.

Another actor-tuned-politician and former MLA from Korei, Akash Das Nayak, and former legislator from Bhubaneswar North Priyadarshi Mishra too resigned from the party. While Mishra joined BJP immediately after announcing his resignation from the regional party, Das Nayak said he is going to contest from Korei on a party symbol which many believe is 'Lotus'.

Announcing his resignation from the primary membership of the BJD, Das Nayak said he took the decision after listening to his inner voice. "After listening to my inner voice, for self-respect and respect of Korei people, I decided to quit the party," he said.

A suave Das Nayak said, "I have given everything to the party in the last five years even after being denied ticket. There was huge anger among party workers and voters of Korei when an outsider was imposed on them. Two days after denial of ticket, the party asked me if I will campaign for the party. I agreed to campaign for the party despite objections from workers. I pacified them and requested them to abide by the party decision."

Chairman of Mo College Abhijan Parichalana Sangathan, Das Nayak expressed himself but not in so many words about the sorry state of affairs prevailing within the BJD with specific reference to his home district of Jajpur.

Stalin slams Modi for not speaking in Tamil

Chennai: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin launched a scathing attack on PM Modi, criticising him for his expression of regret over not being able to speak Tamil, and accusing the Modi government of pushing Hindi imposition. Stalin's remarks came in response to Modi's statement during a party event where he expressed regret for his lack of proficiency in Tamil. Stalin doubted the authenticity of Modi's sentiments, questioning how could Tamilians trust him. BJP's state president K Annamalai criticised DMK's language policy, likening it to old, worn-out slipper.

DAY IN AND DAY OUT

Mahila Congress workers paste posters after sundown in Thiruvananthapuram on Saturday, as the summer heat is too harsh to work during the day | Express

Poll symbols: VCK gets pot, MDMK loses top

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

AFTER much political heat over allocation of symbols to parties in Tamil Nadu that are against the BJP by the Election Commission, the VCK got its 'pot' symbol on Saturday. While the MDMK has to make do with 'matchbox' in Tiruchy, the only seat it is contesting in the DMK-led India alliance, former Chief Minister O Panneerselvam, who is contesting as Independent, was allocated 'jackfruit' symbol in Ramanathapuram.

The VCK has emerged successful in getting 'pot' after several run-ins with the EC, but the MDMK faces the unenviable task of popularising its new symbol among voters in just matter of days. VCK sources said the party was confident of getting back its symbol as both its candidates, Thol Thirumavalavan (Chidambaram) and D Ravikumar (Villupuram), are sitting MPs.

Speaking to reporters, Thirumavalavan said, "We are delighted to have been assigned the 'pot' symbol. Since candidates are contesting on behalf of VCK not only in Tamil Nadu but also in other states, we applied to the ECI two months ago, demanding 'pot' as the common symbol. But ECI rejected it, saying that the party doesn't meet the minimum requirement of polling 1% of total valid votes in the last election."

"After this, we filed a petition with Delhi HC and said ECI had provided wrong information regarding the VCK's vote share. ECI is acting as a party office of Sangh Parivar organisations. It acts as an election wing of the BJP. As none of the Independent candidates have claimed the symbol now, it has been reserved for us," he said.

Meanwhile, Tiruchy constituency returning officer M Pradeep Kumar allotted 'matchbox' symbol to MDMK candidate Durai Vaiko. After the party's failed attempts to secure the 'top' symbol, Durai Vaiko, in his affidavit, had opted for gas cylinder and matchbox symbols.

Kerala moulvi murder case: Court acquits 3

JITHUL NARAYANAN
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WHILE acquitting the three accused in the 2017 murder of madrasa teacher Riyas Moulavi, the District and Sessions Court observed that nothing was produced by the prosecution to prove the allegation that the accused were fanatic workers and believers of RSS.

"The prosecution miserably failed to prove the allegations against the accused," the court said.

The court also flayed the investigation agency and said, "The investigation is not up to the standard and is one-sided. The accused are entitled benefit of the doubt. None of the incidents allegedly projected as a reason for enmity of the accused against the Muslim community, is proven. The prosecution failed to establish any kind of connection between the accused and RSS. The investigation concluded that the three accused, due to hostility towards the Muslim community, especially those in Choori area, came into the Mohiyudeen Jama Masjid of Old Choori, trespassed into the mosque, entered the victim's room stabbed and murdered him. However, the enmity of the accused against the Muslim community is not at all proven," said the court. Failure to investigate the contents and data of the phone, is sufficient to consider there are serious omissions in collection of evidence. So, this is another reason to doubt the prosecution's allegation against A1.

Tamil actor 'Daniel' Balaji dies of heart attack

PTI @ Chennai

TAMIL film actor 'Daniel' Balaji, 48, popular for his villain roles and on-screen aggression, died due to heart attack, a hospital source said here on Saturday. The actor, who was living in Thiruvanmiyur, complained of chest pain and was immediately rushed to a private hospital at Kottivakkam here. He, however, succumbed.

"Daniel's sudden passing away is shocking. The agony of death at a young age is distressing," actor-politician Kamal Haasan said and extended his condolences to the bereaved family and friends. "Shocking to hear that #DanielBalaji is no more! A great actor gone too soon! My heart goes out to his family and friends," actor Keerthy Suresh said in a post on the social media platform 'X'.

Daniel made his first appearance in a popular Tamil television serial "Chithi." In that serial, he performed the role of 'Daniel,' which became the prefix of his real name Balaji.

Top star Vijay's 'Bigil,' and 'Bhairava,' Kamal Haasan's 'Vettaiyadu Vilayadu,' Suriya starrer 'Kaakha Kaakha,' were among a range of films noted for his stellar performance.

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TENDER – CUM – AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Sri. Vijayakumar. R

Mrs. Jayamma

Whereas, **1) Sri. Vijayakumar. R** S/o Late. N Rangappa, No. 13/1, 2nd Main, 4th Cross, Syndicate Bank Colony, SVG Nagara, Bangalore- 560072 and **Mrs. Jayamma** W/o Late. N Rangappa, No. 80/6, 22nd Cross, Govindraj Nagara, Bangalore-560040. having failed to repay the debt in respect of borrowing from **Janatha Seva Co-Op Bank Ltd. Vijaynagar, Bangalore.** The total amount due and payable by them jointly and severally as per the agreed terms and conditions is **Rs. 15,83,750 (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Eighty three Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Only)** as on **30.03.2024** along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.

Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the mortgaged property including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Description of Property	Date & Time of Opening Tender and Place of Auction	Reserve Price
Property belongs to Mrs. Jayamma W/o Late. N Rangappa. The Immovable House Property bearing Immovable House Property Bearing Municipal Khatha No. 06 (Old No. 80) Situated at 2nd Main, Thimmenahalli, Govindraj Nagara, Ward No. 36, New Ward No. 104, PID-No. 36-49-6, New PID No. 127-W0107-9, Bangalore and Measuring East to West 50.00 Feet and North to South 33.00 Feet and bounded on: East By : Road, West By : Property No 06, North By : Private Property, South By : Property No 02.	**17.04.2024 WEDNESDAY at 11.30 AM** **At Schedule Property Premises**	**Rs.2,10,10,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Ten Lakhs Ten Thousand Only)** **EMD: 10% of the Reserve Price Rs. 21,01,000/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs One Thousand Only)**

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale: -
(1) The Tender form can be collected from **Janatha Seva Co-Op Bank Ltd., No.24, "Suvarna Bhavan" 1st Main Road, Hakka Road, Hampinagar, Vijayanagar, 2nd Stage, Bangalore. (Ph. 080-23300497, 41159606, 9986189642, 9845022879)** on all working days during office hours. **(2)** The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favour of **Janatha Seva Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore**- payable at Bangalore. The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Tender- cum-Auction Sale Notice. **(3)** Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at **Janatha Seva Co-Op Bank Ltd., Vijayanagar, Bangalore** by **17.04.2024 before 10.30 A M.** Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. **(4)** The property **"SHALL NOT"** be sold below the reserve price. **(5)** In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. **(6)**The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale.**(7)** The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders **at 11.30 AM on 17.04.2024 (8)** After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorised Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer Price. **(9)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within **45** days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. **(10)** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **(11)** The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/ bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **(12)** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **(13)** The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between **10.00 AM and - 5.00PM** at his/her expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **(14)** The property is put for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION".** The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.

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Date: 30.03.2024
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
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Lot No	Name & Address of the Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor	Description of the immovable assets:	Total Dues	a. Reserve Price b. EMD c. Incremental Bid	Inspection date & time
1	**(1) M/s. Khoday Silk Streams,** No. 25, Old No. 29, 3rd Floor, Behind Reddy Petrol Bunk, N. S.Iyengar Street, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020 **(2) Smt. Padma Bai,** No.23, 2nd Main, 5th Block, Seshadripuram, Kumara Park West,Bangalore-560020 **(3) Sri.Suresh.S. Khoday,** No.23, 2nd Main, 5th Block, Seshadripuram, Kumara Park West, Bangalore-560020 **(4) Sri.Eshwara.K.N.** No.24, New No. 24/5, 4th Floor, Jayamahal Road, Jayamahal Extn. Bangalore-560094.	Residential Site No. 110, "Sitrus Valley Layout", Sector-II, Thumakalahalli village, Nandi Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk & Dist	**Rs.9,62,25,558.69 (Rupees Nine Crore Sixty Two Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Eight and Sixty Nine Paisa Only) as on 29.03.2024 with further interest and cost there on**	a) ₹. 9.18 b) ₹. 0.91 c) ₹. 1.00	12.04.2024 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM. with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer
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3	**(1) M/S Jaya Shanmuga Projects Pvt Ltd, (2) M/S Jaya Shanmuga Infra Projects Pvt Ltd, (3) M/s Jaya Shanmuga Homes Pvt Ltd, (4) M/s. S.V.S. Properties India Pvt Ltd,all 1 to 4 is Rep by its Director Mr SVS Sudheer Babu,** No. 216/13, Suraj Towers 4th Floor 27th Cross Jayanagar 3rd Block Bengaluru-560011. **(5) Sri.SVS Sudheer Babu** S/o Sri Lakshminarayana Solliety, R/a Flat No 301,3rd Floor, Nikhil Residency APT No 576 (P-1), 25th Cross, 39th Main Ideal Homes Township, Halagevaderahalli Rajeshwarinagar, Bengaluru-560098 **(6) Sri. Prashanth Raju** S/o Sri Changam Gopinath Raju, R/a 74, 3rd Main, 3rd Cross, B.T. M. Layout 2nd Stage, Bilekahalli, Dollars Layoaut Bengaluru-560076 **(7) Sri C. Sharath** S/o Sri S R Chilakari, R/a No. 216/13, Suraj Towers 4th Floor 27th Cross Jayanagar 3rd Block Bengaluru - 560011.	(1) Flat No. 301 at Nikhil Residency, R R Nagar, Bangalore in the name of Jaya Shanmuga Projects Pvt Ltd measuring 1607 Sft. Flat No. 304 at Nikhil Residency, R R Nagar, Bangalore in the name of Jaya Shanmuga Projects Pvt Ltd measuring 1131.91 Sft.	**Rs. 55,12,87,617.46 (Rupees Fifty Five Crore Twelve Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Seventeen and Forty Six Paise Only) As 29.03.2024 with further interest and cost thereon.**	a) ₹. 70.40 b) ₹. 7.04 c) ₹.1.00 a) ₹. 50.60 b) ₹. 5.06 c) ₹.1.00	12.04.2024 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM. with Prior Appointmen t with Authorised Officer

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"APPENDIX- IV-A
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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower/mortgager that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, secured creditor, will be sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS"and "WHATEVER THERE IS"** basis on **14.05.2024** for recovery of **Rs.93,62,953/-** (Rupees Ninety Three Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Three Only) as on 26.03.2024 and interest from 27.03.2024 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. due to the secured creditor from borrower **Sri. Syed Aathif** S/o Sri.Syed Ahmed. The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit and Bid Increment Amount will be as under:

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount
1.	Rs. 46,43,000/-	Rs. 4,64,300/-	Rs. 50,000.00

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE SECURED ASSETS TO BE SOLD.

Tender No: SBI/SARB/5173/2023-24/1057

Property– Title deed holder:Sri.Syed Aathif S/o Sri.Syed Ahmed
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the developed portion of residentially present converted Sy No.11/4 (conversion vide Official Memorandum dated 02.01.2003 bearing No. B.D.S.ALN.S.R(N.A)151/2002-03 issued by the office of the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru) present BBMP Khatha No.978/329/11/4, situated at Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru an extent of totally measuring 33 Guntas with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on: East by : BDA Property and K.V.Byregowda Land, West by : Road and House building belongs to the owner herein the same Sy No. North by : J.M.Chandrappa's Land bearing Sy No.11/4, South by : BDA Property and Land belongs to Lakshmamma and Smt.Muniyamma Property.
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : 383 Sq. feet undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' Property.
SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : A Flat bearing No.408 in the 4th Floor measuring 1,214 Sq. feet super built up area containing Two Bedrooms, together with one covered car parking space including proportionate share in common areas such as Passages, Lobbies, Staircase, Terrace, contained in the multi-storied building constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property known as "SLV SERENITY" standing in the name of Sri.Syed Aathif S/o Sri. Syed Ahmed.

The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer, **State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch,** #11/90,3rd Floor, Opposite Trust Well Hospital, J. C. Road, Bengaluru – 560002, Telephone: **080 25943663** or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, **Sri Devi Resolutions Pvt.Ltd, Bangalore** Representative: **Sri. Chayapathy, Cell No.9901902500.**
To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 28.03.2024

Sd/-Authorised Officer & Chief Manager
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

Thanksgiving
Saint Claire's Prayer
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored, glorified & loved today and everyday throughout the world, now and forever. Amen. Ask St. Claire for three favours too impossible and say nine Hail Mary's and the above prayer for nine days, with a lighted candle. Pray whether you believe or not publish on the ninth day. Your request will be granted no matter how impossible it is.
Yashwanthi & family

It is heartening to note that 7-time MP from Kolar, K.H.Muniyappa has shown magnanimity and grace by suggesting that consensus as also joint effort by every Congress leader is the winning combination in this election

Randeep Singh Surjewala, Congress Karnataka in-charge

BJP may face rebel candidate in Belagavi

Mahantesh Vakkund to take decision on contesting after his followers' convention today

SUNIL PATIL @ Belagavi

AMID debate among local BJP workers whether to accept former chief minister Jagadish Shettar as the BJP candidate for the Belagavi Lok Sabha constituency and with efforts of former chief minister BS Yediyurappa to pacify the dissidents seemingly not completely successful, a BJP rebel is getting ready to take on Shettar.

Mahantesh Vakkund, an RSS worker and BJP Mahanagar unit vice-president, who was one of the aspirants for the BJP ticket, has hinted that he could contest as a rebel party candidate from the constituency and taken on Shettar.

Vakkund told TNIE, "I have been trying to get a BJP ticket for the last three Lok Sabha elections. This time, the party had asked me to be prepared to contest the elections. But, all of a sudden, the ticket has been given to Shettar, who had joined Congress a year ago and made allegations against Prime Minister Narendra Modi. I will take a call to contest the election as BJP rebel candidate after my followers' convention on Sunday."

Mahantesh Vakkund

He also said, "I have been involved in social work through the Mahantesh Vakkund Foundation and saved many lives during Covid by arranging oxygen cylinders. Majority voters in Belagavi are Panchamsali Lingayats and they will support me."

He termed the party's decision to name Shettar for Belagavi as injustice meted out to local party leaders and has openly expressed his disappointment on social media.

Local party workers pointed out that the party has given tickets to three candidates from Hubballi -- Pralhad Joshi from Hubballi-Dharwad, Basavaraj Bommai from Haveri and Jagadish Shettar from Belagavi. They commented sarcastically whether all the seats in North Karnataka should have been given to Hubballi candidates.

They wondered whether the party did not find any suitable local candidate for Belagavi. Sitting MP Mangal Angadi, former MLC Mahantesh Kavatagimath, Mahantesh Vakkund, Ex-MLAs Anil Benake and Sanjay Patil Ramesh Katti and many others were aspirants, but all of them have been ignored to pacify Shettar, who rejoined BJP after quitting Congress recently.

Some party workers alleged that Shettar had shifted a major part of the oxygen quota meant for Belagavi given by the central government to Hubballi during Covid, leaving patients in Belagavi to suffer.

Congress leaders Laxmi Hebbalkar, during one of her campaign speeches, alleged that Shettar had shifted IT-BT and other industrial projects to Hubballi from Belagavi when he was minister for medium and large-scale industries.

'Get inked!': Govt declares holiday on Apr 26, May 7

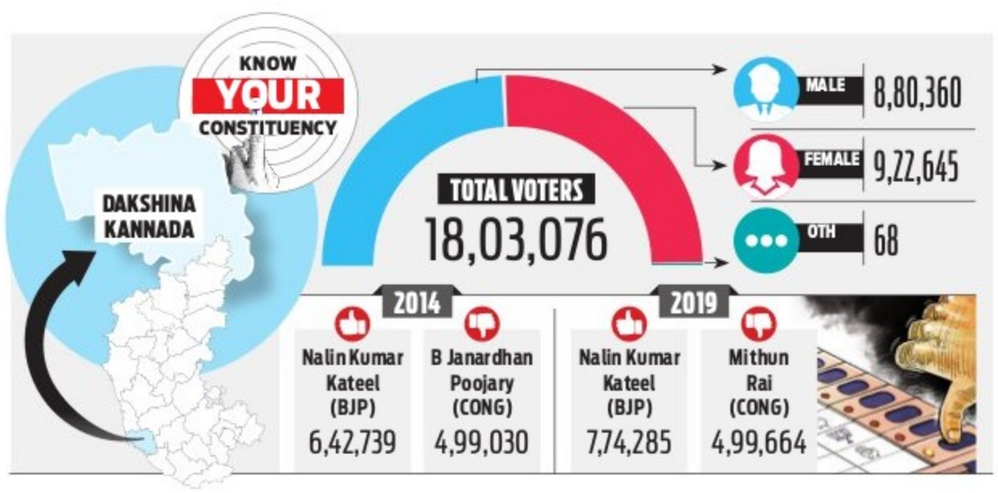
BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE State Government has issued orders declaring a general holiday for employees of all government and government-related institutions on April 26 and May 7, the two polling days in Karnataka.

Chief Electoral Officer, Karnataka, Manoj Kumar Meena, told *The New Indian Express* that the holiday has been declared as per the rules and the law. It has been declared under the Negotiable Instruments Act of 1881. Meena added that they have also received requests from other states, like Tamil Nadu, to give employees a holiday on the day of voting in their respective states.

"It is a democracy, and it is a rule for us to declare a holiday. We have done it. It is up to the citizens to make the most of it— to make a conscious decision to vote. During last year's Assembly elections, the polling day was May 10, 2023, a Wednesday. The voter turnout was poor. Last time also, a holiday was declared. We cannot tell people not to travel or go out... they have to make the choice," Meena elaborated. This time, April 26 is a Friday, and May 7 falls on a Tuesday.

During the 2023 Assembly elections, the voting percentage in Karnataka was 72.39%. However, this year, to help increase the voting percentage in the Lok Sabha polls, many private tour operators and hotels have decided not to entertain bookings on April 26 and May 7. The officials from Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation and Jungle Lodges and Resorts also said that they will not entertain bookings as they want their staffers to go to their respective homes and vote.



FRESH FACES OFFER NEW LOOK TO BATTLEFIELD DK

VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

THE Dakshina Kannada Lok Sabha constituency has seen many veteran politicians like M Veerappa Moily, DV Sadananda Gowda, B Janardhan Poojary and others battle it out over the last few decades. Cut to 2024, the atmosphere is completely different. BJP candidate Capt Brijesh Chowta and his Congress rival R Padmaraj are testing electoral waters for the first time, trying to hold sway over the highly literate, but communally polarised electorate. Both the candidates are relatively young, educated, have a clean image and have no political baggage, which is a win-win for the voters.

The last time the Congress won from here was in 1989, when Poojary won for the fourth time. The BJP snatched the constituency from the Grand Old Party in 1991, and since then, it has never looked back. The Ram Rath Yatra changed the political fortunes of BJP here, and the party has managed to steadily increase its lead with every election. In 2019, BJP's Nalin Kumar Kateel won by a massive margin of more than 2.73 lakh votes. The party also managed to win the constituency in 2014, when seven out of eight MLAs were from the Congress.

While the BJP appears to be in a solid position to continue its winning streak, the Congress is trying hard to breach the saffron party's fortress. By replacing Kateel, a three-time MP, the saffron party has managed to address discontent within the party and anti-incumbency among voters.

Both the national parties are hard-pressed in building narratives that could help them win over the electorate. The BJP is banking heavily on the achievements of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi government and Hindutva. Chowta has made development and Hindutva his mantra to win this election. The party claims that the constituency has witnessed development projects worth Rs 1 lakh crore in the last 10 years. It has alleged that the Congress' guarantees have ruined the state's finances, leaving no funds for development works.

On the other hand, the Congress, by fielding Padmaraj -- an advocate from the Billava community, is looking to woo the community which is numerically strong in the constituency. The Billavas, who were with the Congress once, have slowly moved to BJP over the years, and the GOP's chances hinge on its success in bringing them back to the party fold. The party hopes that Padmaraj, who is also treasurer of the popular Kudroli Gokarnatha Temple, will be able to woo the community. He is also attracting BJP voters by stating that he is not averse to Hindutva.

The Congress is heavily dependent on the five guarantees of the Siddaramaiah government and the ones announced by the central party leadership in its election manifesto. The constituency has over 44,000 more female voters, compared to male voters, and the Congress hopes that its guarantees which target womenfolk will do the trick for them. The party has also termed the 'Rs 1 lakh crore development' in the constituency during Kateel's tenure as "bluff", asking if he really brought development, why was he denied the ticket to recontest, while also pointing to the incomplete work on National Highways in the region.

THE BIG FIGHTS

AFTER the announcement of candidates, the political scene in Karnataka is heating up, competing with the mercury shooting up. The parties are trying to overcome the internal issues that could impact the results in some seats, while they shift gears on the campaigning front.

Congress was caught in a quagmire in Kolar, causing a major embarrassment for the party earlier this week when a few legislators openly threatened to resign if Food and Civil Supplies Minister KH Muniyappa's son-in-law was fielded from the constituency. Although it decided to field a neutral candidate, the replay of 2019's "Congress Vs Congress" cannot be ruled out.

Although the BJP-JDS combine will be looking to exploit Congress' faultlines, not everything is hunky-dory in their camp either. As the nomination process has begun, the parties are racing against time to resolve internal issues swiftly, while intensifying their campaign.

Marking 'trouble-shooter' on his home turf

All eyes are on the Bengaluru Rural Lok Sabha segment — a mix of urban voters in Bengaluru, adjoining Ramanagara, and parts of Tumakuru districts. In 2019, it was the only seat won by Congress. Now, KPCC president and DyCM DK Shivakumar's brother DK Suresh is seeking re-election. He is up against former PM HD Deve Gowda's son-in-law Dr.CN Manjunath, a well-known cardiologist contesting on the BJP ticket.

BJP will be relying heavily on Bengaluru South and Rajarajeshwari Nagar assembly segments in the state capital, while the JDS hopes to get support in the Vokkaliga hinterland. Of the total of around 27 lakh voters, over 12 lakh are in two segments in the City.

Manjunath's clean image, JDS' full backing, BJP's traditional support base, and the Modi factor will be key for the alliance. On the other hand, Suresh is a grassroots politician, well-connected even at the panchayat level, and has gained goodwill for his work during the Covid pandemic. In the end, it will be a contest between the families of Shivakumar and Gowda, the latter backed by the BJP. The fight is likely to go down to the wire.

CM's prestige at stake

Winning in his home district Mysuru will be a matter of prestige for Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. Also, Congress candidate M Laksmana is said to be his pick. BJP's strategy of fielding Mysuru royal scion Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar seems to have put Congress on the backfoot. Debutant Yaduveer and his family have a good connect with voters that goes beyond political lines. He will be banking on goodwill for the royal family, along with the BJP-JDS support base. He is also reaching out to minorities. On its part, the Congress will be hoping for consolidation of minorities, backward classes, and Vokkaliga votes. Its candidate is a Vokkaliga. With JDS' strong presence in the district, it would not be easy for Congress to consolidate the dominant Vokkaligas. Given the regional party leadership's animosity against Siddaramaiah, they are likely to back Yaduveer to the hilt. With the CM's direct involvement and the time he is giving to draw up Congress's strategy, it is certainly going to be 'battle royale' in Mysuru. Winning Mysuru and neighboring Chamrajnagar segments will be crucial for Siddaramaiah's leadership within the party.

The trouble within

In BJP stalwart BS Yediyurappa's home district Shivamogga, the party is yet to resolve its internal differences. Former DyCM KS Eshwarappa's stand of contesting as an independent candidate has brought an element of uncertainty to the BJP's game-plan to retain the seat. Miffed over the denial of a ticket to his son KE Kantesh to contest from the neighboring Haveri-Gadag seat, the party veteran decided to contest independently to take on Yediyurappa's son BY Raghavendra in Shivamogga. Raghavendra, the elder brother of state BJP chief BY Vijayendra is pitted against Congress' Geetha Shivarajkumar, wife of Kannada actor Shivarajkumar and daughter of former CM S Bangarappa. Last time she had unsuccessfully contested on the JDS ticket.

Although BJP appears to be bullish about its prospects, Eshwarappa remaining in the contest can create some trouble for the party. Even a small number of BJP votes being divided will matter in a close contest. After making futile efforts to convince Eshwarappa, BJP leaders have now given up and are hoping that he will climb down. He may not have much damage potential and ultimately back off from the contest, but for the party, it's bad optics.

It's still Kharge's election

AICC president and Rajya Sabha member M Mallikarjun Kharge is not contesting the LS polls this time. Perhaps, for the first time in several decades, Kalaburagi is witnessing elections — Assembly or Lok Sabha — without Kharge in the fray. But it is still considered as his election. His son-in-law Radhakrishna Doddamani is the Congress candidate and his son and minister Priyank Kharge is in charge of the polls. While Congress' overall performance in his home state will be crucial to assert his leadership, it is all the more important for him to win back his home district that he had lost to Dr Umesh Jadhav in 2019.

Radhakrishna, whom many believe to be a backroom strategist for Kharge, is making his debut in electoral politics. While he is known in Congress circles, he is relatively new to the voters. Kharge and his contribution to the region is Congress' trump card. Consolidation of minority votes, backing from Dalits, and a section of backward classes will be necessary for the party that also hopes to get support from a section of Lingayats. Jadhav will be banking on support from his Banjara community and BJP's Lingayat support base, both of which are present in significant numbers. The BJP also hopes to gain from the Modi factor, drawing credit for infrastructure development and the Centre's welfare projects.

Spotlight on Kumaraswamy

Since the regional party struck an alliance with BJP, the spotlight is on former CM HD Kumaraswamy and his role in the post-poll political scenario in the state and at the Centre. Now, as he is contesting from Mandya, all eyes are on the seat in the Old Mysuru region. His son Nikhil lost to BJP-backed independent candidate Sumalatha Ambareesh in the last elections when Kumaraswamy was the CM in the alliance government with Congress. After Hassan, probably Mandya is the most important seat for the regional party. The former CM is up against Congress' Venkataramane Gowda, also known as 'Star Chandru'. Congress is likely to make it an 'outsider vs local' election and put up a united front. JDS-BJP fighting as one cohesive unit will be crucial for Kumaraswamy as Congress goes all guns blazing.

The third generation fight

The Vokkaliga heartland Hassan is witnessing a battle between the grandsons of former PM HD Deve Gowda and former MP late G Puttaswamy Gowda. Puttaswamy had defeated Deve Gowda in the 1999 LS polls. The former's grandson Shreyas M Patel's entry into the contest has sparked excitement in the Congress camp. Shreyas lost in the 2023 assembly polls against HD Revanna in the JDS' pocket borough Holenarasipura by a narrow margin. As anti-JDS forces are likely to unite, the regional party candidate and incumbent MP Prajwal Revanna will need full support from the alliance partner BJP. Although BJP-JDS are chanting the unity mantra at the top, it may not be easy to ensure the same on the ground in Hassan as local BJP leaders' politics is built around fighting JDS.

Winning Hassan is not a mere electoral victory, but an existential necessity for JDS.

Tejaswini Gowda joins Cong, daughter of Yogeshwara may follow suit

ENS @ Bengaluru

Former journalist and BJP leader Tejaswini Gowda, who resigned from her MLC post three days ago, joined Congress in New Delhi on Saturday in the presence of party senior leaders Pawan Khera and Jairam Ramesh.

She termed it homecoming, as she started her political career by defeating former PM HD Deve Gowda from the erstwhile Kanakapura (now, Bengaluru Rural) Lok Sabha constituency in 2004. She joined BJP in 2014 and got elected as an MLC from the assembly.

Tejaswini, a Vokkaliga, said she is joining Congress as she was not given a ticket for either Kodagu-Mysuru or Bengaluru North Lok Sabha constituency, vacated by Pratap Simha and DV Sadananda Gowda -- both Vokkaligas. She and other Vokkaliga leaders within BJP are being snubbed, she alleged.

Senior Congress leader Pawan Khera welcomes former BJP MLC Tejaswini Gowda into the party fold

KPCC president DK Shivakumar, who had helped her become an MP, welcomed her back into the party. He clarified that she approached AICC president Mallikarjuna Kharge sometime ago.

Nisha Yogeshwara to join Cong

In a tactical move, BJP MLC CP Yogeshwara, who is campaigning for Bengaluru Rural BJP Lok Sabha candidate Dr CN Manjunath, is planning to send his daughter Nisha to Congress.

JDS state president HD Kumaraswamy, who is the MLA from Channapatna, is contesting from Mandya. If he wins, the Channapatna seat will fall vacant, and JDS workers may insist on fielding his son Nikhil from the seat. Yogeshwara is sending his daughter to Congress to allow her to contest from that party, sources said.

"My father has no objection to me joining Congress," Nisha, a model, said in Ramanagara. She has already started showing up alongside DCM DK Shivakumar and Bengaluru Rural MP and Congress candidate DK Suresh during campaigning. She is likely to join the party officially soon and start campaigning for Suresh.

I.N.D.I.A bloc to protest Kejriwal's arrest

Bengaluru: I.N.D.I.A bloc parties, including the Congress and AAP, will be staging a protest at Freedom Park from 10 am to 2 pm on Sunday, against the arrest of Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal. This protest coincides with the bloc's mass rally at Ramlila Maidan in New Delhi. "The unjust arrest of Kejriwal and other draconian incidents like freezing of Congress accounts has created a wave of resentment amongst the public against Narendra Modi and the BJP," claimed Mukhyamantri Chandru, AAP Karnataka president in a press release on Saturday. "The rally will be one way of having them give voice to their grievances," said Prakash Nedungadi, treasurer, AAP Karnataka. "The rally will be followed by a series of activities to let people know the truth of how government agencies like the ED, CBI, I-T, and even the RBI have been used by the BJP to thwart opposition and get money from businesses," he said.

Issuance of vote from home forms begins

Bengaluru: The election officials have started issuing Form 12D for people who are keen to opt for voting from home. The forms are being issued since March 28, the date the gazette notification for filing nominations for Phase 2 elections in Karnataka was announced. Senior citizens aged 85 and above and those with 40% or more disabilities can avail themselves of the option to vote from home. "We have a list of people who are above 85 years of age and those who have declared their disability. Apart from this, we have also put the applications on the website. The forms are being given at the doorsteps of the listed people for five days," an election official said. If citizens do not opt to vote from home but need facilities at the polling booths, they can apply for the requirements using the Saksham App. It gives people three facilities to select from: a wheelchair, a transport facility (to and fro from the polling booth), and permission to bring a companion.

Students pen letters to parents, urge them to vote

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Udupi

Students residing in hostels across Udupi district have embarked on an initiative to encourage their parents to vote in the upcoming general election. As part of the district administration's Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) activities aimed at increasing voter turnout, hostel administrators, in collaboration with the Backward Classes' department and Social Welfare department, have tasked students with writing special letters to their parents, urging them to participate in the democratic process.

Sources said approximately 2,000 students from various hostels across the district are actively engaged in writing these letters to their parents. They are imploring their parents to cast their votes on April 26 or May 7, depending on their respective regions. The initiative encompasses students ranging from class 5 to class 8, many of whom hail from outside the district.

Prateek Bayal, Udupi Zilla Panchayat CEO and district SVEEP committee chairperson, highlighted that the students are writing these letters on their own volition. "Personal appeal from their own children carries a profound impact, enlightening parents about the value of their votes. It will also boost electoral literacy," he said. Students across more than 30 hostels of various categories will be writing this special letter to their parents.

You (Congress) don't keep your books right, engage in cash transactions, don't abide by Election Commission's rules, don't reply to IT notices, don't file IT returns but then go to public and spread misinformation, play the victim card

Gopal Krishna Agarwal, BJP leader

A GAME OF MUSICAL CHAIRS

As many as 27 MPs in the 17th Lok Sabha changed their political affiliations as on March 15, 2024. Some broke off their association with the parent party and went solo, many shifted to another party, and others were suspended for anti-party activities. In some cases, the parent parties split. Here's a look:

SWITCHING ALLEGIANCE

PRENEET KAUR
PATIALA (PUNJAB)
Switched from Congress to BJP

BB PATIL
ZAHIRABAD (TELANGANA)
Switched from Telugu Desam Party (TDP) to BJP

SUPRIYA SULE
BARAMATI (MAHARASHTRA)
Part of NCP (Sharad Pawar) after NCP split

MAGUNTA SRINIVASULU REDDY
ONGOLE (ANDHRA PRADESH)
Resigned from YSRCP. Now Independent

KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHNA RAJU
NARSAPURAM (ANDHRA PRADESH)
Resigned from YSRCP, now Independent

CHOUDHARY MAHBUB ALI KAISAR
KHAGARIA (BIHAR)
Joined RLJP after split from LJP

CHANDAN SINGH
NAWADA (BIHAR)
Joined RLJP after split from LJP

VEENA DEVI
VAISHALI (BIHAR)
Joined RLJP after split from LJP

DELKAR KALABEN MOHANBAI
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI
Joined Shiv Sena (UBT) after split from SHS

The tale of 'Aaya Ram, Gaya Ram'

In the annals of Indian politics, Gaya Lal stands as a significant figure, known for his frequent party switches during the 1967 elections in Haryana. As an independent MLA, he changed party twice in a day and three times in a fortnight, prompting the coining of the term 'Aaya Ram, Gaya ### Ram' by then home minister Yashwantrao Chavan. Despite subsequent legislative measures aimed at curbing such behaviour, Gaya Lal's antics remain a historical reference point for political opportunism. The phrase continues to serve as a reminder of the challenges posed by shifting loyalties in democratic processes

KUNWAR DANISH ALI
AMROHA (UTTAR PRADESH)
Suspended by BSP, joined Congress

PASHUPATI KUMAR PARAS
HAJIPUR (BIHAR)
Formed RLJP after split from LJP

GEETA KORA
SINGHBHUM (JHARKHAND)
Switched from Congress to BJP

Turncoats in states

According to ADR, Telangana had the highest number of turncoat MLAs, followed by Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. Nearly 46% of sitting MLAs who switched political parties after elections faced criminal charges by that year, with 38% of them facing serious criminal charges. About 120 MLAs changed parties after polls, with the BJP gaining the most, accounting for 42% of them. Congress suffered the most, with about 28% of the turncoat MLAs from the party. Among the 50 MLAs who joined the BJP, 20 were with Congress

BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI
MACHILIPATNAM (ANDHRA PRADESH)
Switched from YSRCP to Jana Sena

PRINCE RAJ
SAMASTIPUR SC (BIHAR)
Joined RLJP after split from LJP

VENKATESH NETHA BORLAKUNTA
PEDAPALLE (TELANGANA)
Switched from TRS to Congress

JADHAV SANJAY (BANDU) HARIBHAU
PARBHANI(MAHARASHTRA)
Joined Shiv Sena (Uddhav Thackeray) after split from SHS

SHRINIWAS DADASAHEB PATIL
SATARA (MAHARASHTRA)
Part of NCP (Sharad Pawar) after NCP split

AMOL RAMSING KOLHE
SHIRUR (MAHARASHTRA)
Part of NCP (Sharad Pawar) after NCP split

P RAVEENDRANATH KUMAR
THENI (TAMIL NADU)
Suspended by AIADMK, now Independent

PARTY POSITION IN CURRENT LOK SABHA

543 TOTAL SEATS | 28 VACANT SEATS

PARTY	SEATS
BJP	295
INC	46
DMK	24
AITC	19
YSRCP	17
JD(U)	16
SHS	13
BJD	12
BSP	8
Independent	7
Shiv Sena (UBT)	6
TRS	5
RLJP	5
NCP (SP)	4
JKNC	3
IUML	3
CPM	3
SAD	2
TDP	2
SP	2
AIMIM	2
Apna Dal (Soneylal)	2
CPI	2

Jana Sena, AIUDF, SAD (Amritsar) (Simranjit Singh Mann), MNF, NDPP, NCP, JD(S), NPP, Kerala Congress (M), LJP (Ram Vilas), RSP, AAP, NPF, AISU Party, JMM, VCK, SKM

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Anti-defection law

The Anti-Defection Law is a legislative measure aimed at penalising individual MPs or MLAs for switching allegiance from one political party to another. Introduced as the Tenth Schedule in 1985, this law was incorporated into Constitution to foster governmental stability by deterring lawmakers from changing party affiliations. The Tenth Schedule, commonly referred to as the Anti-Defection Act, became a part of the Constitution through the 52nd Amendment Act of 1985. This enactment was prompted by the frequent toppling of state governments after the general elections of 1967

MOHAMMED FAIZAL PP
LAKSHADWEEP
Joined NCP (Sharad Pawar) after NCP split

ARVIND SAWANT
MUMBAI SOUTH (MAHARASHTRA)
Joined Shiv Sena (Uddhav Thackeray) after split from SHS

RAJAN BABURAO VICHARE
THANE (MAHARASHTRA)
Joined Shiv Sena (Uddhav Thackeray) after split from SHS

VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT
RATNAGIRI SINDHUDURG (MAHARASHTRA)
Joined Shiv Sena (Uddhav Thackeray) after split from SHS

OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAVAN RAJENIMBALKAR
OSMANABAD (MAHARASHTRA)
Joined Shiv Sena (Uddhav Thackeray) after split from SHS

JADHAV SANJAY (BANDU) HARIBHAU
PARBHANI (MAHARASHTRA)
Joined Shiv Sena (Uddhav Thackeray) after split from SHS

SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI
KANTHI (WEST BENGAL)
Switched from Trinamool Congress to BJP

DIBYENDU ADHIKARI
TAMLUK (WEST BENGAL)
Switched from Trinamool Congress to BJP

POTHUGANTI RAMULU
NAGARKURNOOL (TELANGANA)
Switched from TRS to BJP

Halt all mega infra projects in Hills, demand activists

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

CIVIL society organisations have launched a campaign demanding a moratorium on all mega infrastructure projects in the high Himalayas. They have also demanded a 360-degree multidisciplinary review of the impacts of existing projects.

A five-point demand charter is being sent to all the political parties as all the disasters are "man-made", they said.

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Also, the 2013 Right to Fair Compensation and Rehabilitation Act should be implemented. It further adds that democratic decision-making through referendums and public consultation on extensive infrastructure boosts the environmental impact Assessment Notification 1994, scrapping the EIA 2020 Amendments and FCA 2023 Amendments, free prior informed consent of Gram Sabhas to be mandatory for all developmental projects.

Mayalmit Lepcha from Affected Citizens of Teesta and Mohan Saikia from the North East Dialogue forum expressed concerns about the ecological impacts of massive hydropower development proposed on the Bramhaputra and its basins without the consent of local indigenous communities.

Guman Singh, from Himalaya Niti Abhiyan and Atul Sati of Joshimath Bachao Sangharsh Samiti, demanded a complete halt on mega infrastructures like large dams, railways and four lanes given the underground invasion and muck generation.

Unique topography

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'Badka Phatak' in Ghazipur holds the sway over Purvanchal seats

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE 'Badka Phatak' (big gate) as locals used to call it — the ancestral house of gangster-politician Mukhtar Ansari in Ghazipur — used to play a crucial role in deciding the outcome of over half a dozen Lok Sabha seats in eastern Uttar Pradesh.

There was a perception that anyone contesting on a seat falling under his fiefdom would not get victory without visiting 'Badka Phatak' and taking the blessings of Ansari.

There was a rush of non-BJP political players to 'Badka Phatak' to express anguish over the death of the five-time former MLA and sympathise with his bereaved family, signifying his political significance. The top brass of the SP, BSP and Congress took to social media raising doubts over the cause of Mukhtar's death and demanded a probe.

The expression of concern for the dead gangster, who once was synonymous with terror in Purvanchal with over 60 criminal cases lodged against him, is attributed to his hold over Muslim votes for in Ghazipur, Mau, Jaunpur, Azamgarh, Varanasi and Chandauli districts, where Muslims constitute around 20% of the voters.

Political experts claim that to alter the political equations in the districts of his fiefdom, a letter written by the gangster used to be sufficient.

While the Opposition would try to capitalise over his death by raising the doubts to draw the Muslim voters, the BJP would play diagonally opposite by underscoring the destruction of his empire of crime under the present dispensation.

Political experts claim that Mukhtar used to have his influence over the elections right from a village head to the Lok Sabha candidate. His brother Afzal Ansari, who won the 2019 Lok Sabha election from Ghazipur on a BSP ticket, is now contesting as a SP candidate. His son Abbas Ansari won the Mau (Sadar) assembly seat on the Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party ticket but as an SP candidate in 2022 while his nephew Suhaib Ansari is the SP MLA from Mohammadabad in Ghazipur.

Mukhtar played a pivotal role in helping Mulayam Singh Yadav win the confidence vote in the assembly in 2003 when the SP formed government after fall of the Mayawati government.

Before the 2009 Lok Sabha election, he joined the BSP to contest Lok Sabha election against former Union minister Murli Manohar Joshi from Varanasi but lost.

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Ansari laid to rest beside mother

A massive crowd thronged the ancestral house of Ansaris to pay their last respect and join the Namaz-e-Janaza to gangster-turned-politician Mukhtar Ansari on Saturday. His mortal remains were taken to the family's ancestral burial ground at Kali Bagh in Ghazipur, where he was laid to rest just beside his mother's grave.

Brother raises doubts on death

AWhile the autopsy report revealed that Mukhtar Ansari died of cardiac arrest, his brother Afzal Ansari alleged that he was poisoned to death. Afzal claimed that Mukhtar was not given treatment in time even when he was falling unconscious repeatedly in jail.

QUOTE CORNER

'I challenge BJP leaders to roll out a scheme like Lakshmir Bhandar. If you can provide ₹1,500 to every poor woman, I will quit politics

Abhishek Banerjee, TMC chief

I believe it is time for me to explore new opportunities and avenues for welfare of the people and state I represent

Manash Borah, Assam Cong gen secy

Where was Kangana Ranaut when the worst-ever monsoon disaster hit the state? She has a house in Mandi and Manali...

Vikramaditya Singh, HP minister

When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why the poor have no food, they call me a communist

Hélder Câmara

THE TRUTH PILLS NEEDED TO DIGEST THE JOB CRISIS

OPINION

SUTANU GURU

Journalist and author with 38 years of experience; Executive Director, C Voter Foundation

CLICHÉS are sometimes useful in explaining things. The saying that reality lies between two extreme viewpoints is apt for describing the brouhaha raised by the latest International Labour Organization report on unemployment in India. On one side are ferocious critics of the Narendra Modi regime, who insist that India faces a 'demographic disaster' due to rising unemployment; the regime's supporters insist India is reaping a demographic dividend and will continue to do well into the next decade. Realists like this author, who do not allow ideology to dictate opinion, think both are wrong.

The data presented in the ILO report, the recent EPFO update, and CMIE's January 2024 report contradict the alarmist stance of the critics. The same dataset also negates the views on the other extreme that deny India's genuine unemployment crisis. What's the reality? The most significant data in the ILO report is that the young account for 83 percent of those unemployed in India. For many years, the CMIE has highlighted very high levels of youth unemployment, often putting it above 25 percent. To that extent, only the naïve or the ideologically blind would live in denial.

Now that the problem of high levels of acute poverty has been addressed to a significant extent, there is a consensus among non-partisan economists that the biggest policy challenge is tackling unemployment, particularly among the educated young who should be at a pole position when it comes to reaping the demographic dividend.

C Voter has always asked respondents in opinion polls in the run-up to assembly and Lok Sabha elections to identify the most serious issues that concern voters. Since the March 2022 assembly election cycle to big states like Uttar Pradesh, respondents have singled out unemployment as the single-most important issue that worries them. Inflation, too, is a concern, but the proportion of those picking unemployment as the bigger worry is significantly higher. Recent C Voter poll data indicates that more than two-thirds of Indians think unemployment is a serious issue.

Based on the data available from government, private and international agencies, we can highlight some home truths about unemployment. First, in a country with an electorate of 960 million and a workforce of more than 600 million, there will always be at least 30 million citizens who are unemployed—that is, assuming the unemployment rate hovers around 5 percent. Second, just as India licked the poverty challenge in the three decades after the 1991 reforms, the problem of chronic unemployment, too, can be successfully tackled. Third, there appears to be no possibility of unemployment disappearing as a serious policy challenge till 2035, when India, by some estimates, could be a $10-trillion economy with a per capita income of more than $7,500 a year. Fourth, even the 2035 goal would remain elusive unless there are fundamental changes in the policy sphere as well as the mindset of Indian families.

Why am I convinced it will take at least a decade to solve the unemployment problem in a meaningful way? For starters, it took India more than two decades to successfully combat poverty after pragmatic economic policies were launched in 1991. These things take time. Then again, the much-talked-about productivity-linked scheme that provides generous incentives to encourage domestic manufacturing in 14 segments is the first serious attempt at 'industrialisation' after the first flurry in the 1950s, when Jawaharlal Nehru talked about building factories as the temples of modern India. And it will be many more years before an honest assessment can be made about how effective it has been and how many manufacturing jobs it has managed to create.

Early data from the electronics sector, particularly mobile phone manufacturing, indicates that success is possible. The total value of mobile phones manufactured in India in 2014-15 was about ₹19,000 crore; by 2023-24, it has zoomed to ₹4,10,000 crore. Similarly, the value of exports has grown phenomenally, from ₹1,500 crore to ₹1,20,000 crore in the same period. From just two in 2014, the number of mobile phone manufacturing plants has grown to more than 200. Obviously, a huge number of new jobs have been created.

But mobile manufacturing remains a kind of oasis, with similar success not visible in other sectors. That brings us to the policy challenge. Shorn of jargon, labour laws in India have to be changed to encourage investors to set up mega factories that produce goods for domestic consumption as well as exports. But shallow polemics over workers' rights are still preventing pragmatic policies from being adopted. Take the example of Tamil Nadu. A few years ago, the state announced 12-hour workdays as an option would become legal. Workers and investors welcomed the move. But trade unions and assorted political parties claiming to represent workers raised such a hue and cry that the policy was withdrawn.

The last home truth is about changes in mindset. For a total workforce of 600 million, the government sector provides just 40 million jobs. This number will not increase. It is crucial for Indian families to abandon the obsession with government jobs and with medical, engineering and MBA degrees. Their children need different skill sets that match the rapidly transforming economy as it gets more and more digital.

Assuming all these changes happen, one can see significant changes—but unlikely before 2035.

ROOM FOR SAFFRON'S LATERAL THINKING

OPINION

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LET'S proceed from the obvious so that we can start with consensus—usually a far horizon when it comes to politics. Take one point on which there exists unanimity on all sides. Simply, it's the fact that the BJP has a striking asymmetry in the geographical distribution of its Lok Sabha holdings and it would like nothing more than to remedy that. The saffron party's actions show transparently that its Chanakyas are very keen on this spatial expansion. The new target of 370+ seats, logically enough, makes it even more imperative. And it was explicitly with the objective of blocking such a lateral growth that the INDIA alliance, which is attempting another big show of renewed solidarity in Delhi on Sunday, too was formed.

On a grander note, this pursuit has an ideological relevance of its own for the BJP, going beyond battlefield imperatives. For, despite its mammoth majority in the outgoing House, the presence of entire provinces where it is very nearly non-existent must rankle. It's not the most satisfying self-portrait for a party that's high on symbolism and likes to think of itself as speaking for the nation. As we get caught up in the dizzying plethora of provincial wars where it will be seeking to change that equation, one could even think of the quest as the real meta script for the 2024 general election.

To reprise, the tactical necessities too are well-recognised. In virtually all its old strongholds, the BJP's growth has hit the circuit-breaker—it had already filled out its potential to the maximum in 2019. So the only way to hedge against any risk of erosion there was build a buffer stock of new seats. That is, if the party wishes to give itself a guarantee of invincibility in these elections, it has to grow in new regions. But how? That's the part which gives us a window into how India's democratic polity is evolving, on a historical plane.

The BJP's critics have been quick to decry its aggressive, predatory instincts in states vis-a-vis regional parties—including old allies like the Shiv Sena. But they have mostly remained stuck at a behavioural reading. That too in a piecemeal, episodic, state-specific way. This keeps us glued to the sordid serial dramas of betrayals, of Vibhishans in the family, of Enforcement Directorate cases followed by defections, resort politics, individual ambitions, imputed behind-the-scenes deals, threats, blandishments. All that makes for compelling viewing—the ruling party makes no bones about the value-neutral ways in which it practises power—but these mortal battles between Goliath and a series of fallen Davids hold us from grasping a larger structural pattern.

EXPRESS

Indian democracy seems to love binaries. Despite being a multi-party system, it boils everything down to the simplicity of two. This is clear enough at the national level. At one time, it was Congress vs The Rest. Anti-Congressism was so strong that it could get even the BJP and Left to cohabit. Now it's Saffron vs The Rest, with antagonism towards a common foe producing similar adhesive properties.

But even at the state level, we are largely an aggregation of binaries. A whole bunch of states are stable at their traditional Congress-vs-BJP politics: Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand. But see how Bengal moved seamlessly from a Left/Congress binary to a Left/TMC one and now TMC/BJP? As if it innately resists triangles and quadrangles. If a new entity rises, the old one simply collapses. Similarly, Odisha had the Biju Patnaik estate vs Congress (now replaced by BJP). United Andhra had Congress vs TDP. Tamil Nadu had DMK vs AIADMK. Kerala took its entire noisy rainbow and recomposed it as LDF vs UDF. Till the BJP came along, Karnataka too was Congress vs Janata Dal. Assam had Congress vs AGP. Till AAP happened, Punjab was a fight between the Akalis and Congress too. Only Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Maharashtra truly went outside this pattern to create multi-polar polities. Their sheer geographical scale and demographic complexity perhaps partly explains this allowance or space for plurality.

The relevant point here is that, coincidentally, as a function of pure time, one half of these binaries is collapsing or is on the cusp of doing so across India. So what we have now is an aggregation of transitions in the politics of many big states. Everywhere we see that a big regional party—often a legatee of the old socialist Janata *parivar*—is on its last legs simply because a leader is in the winter of his or her political life. And it is into the resultant vacuum that the BJP is seeking to insert itself, while keeping the binary alive. Ironically, many of them are entering into alliances with the BJP for palliative care just to extend their lease on existence, despite being aware of its predatory ways.

The classic case is Bihar. It may be difficult for the JD(U) to outlast Nitish Kumar—its flock of career politicians will conceivably all be subsumed, or pivot to the RJD. Naveen Patnaik's BJD too is not far from such an eventuality, nor is Chandrababu Naidu's TDP. Like old rajas and nawabs did with the East India Company two centuries ago, all three were wagering on one last hurrah in the company of the very entity that will seize their estates one day. (That Naveen eventually shrank back from signing on the nuptials is mere detail.) Whether the post-Jayalalithaa AIADMK will hold out or leave a crack in the Dravidian polity for the saffron party is, again, a game to be watched post-2024. Bereft of a mass leader, the Congress in Kerala, despite its organisational presence on the ground, too is showing signs of soil erosion. The next generation of the BRS in Telangana will also have to show some real mettle if it has to ward off that fate.

What this also puts to test is the thesis about the so-called fragmentation of Indian politics with the mushrooming of regionalist or caste-based parties. That happy cacophony was a phenomenon that deepened our democracy and brought it closer to articulating very many more voices. But the fact is that, psychologically, a binary often lurked beneath the surface. India is presently negotiating between the idea of the Many and that of the Two. The saffron imagination is not entirely without an idea of the One either. Of course, none of this is fully coming to fruition in this summer's election. So while the commentariat has been prone to thinking of this as the final do-or-die battle, it probably only marks a transit point *en route* to a larger, ongoing evolution. For, on its part, what the BJP too has done is to make *ad-hoc* arrangements to secure the buffer seats it needs. It is tilling the fields, and sprinkling fertiliser. The real sowing season lies beyond the bend in the road.

THE DELICATE BALANCE OF GENDER ROLES

OPINION

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COME March and every woman has her inbox full of invites for attending women's day events, discounts for purchases to pamper oneself and, sometimes, awards to recognise our achievements. Organisations try their best to make their women employees feel special using gifts and celebrations.

At the few events that I participated in, I got to hear a lot of women—mostly successful women from the corporate world and entrepreneurs. Sometimes a film actor, performing artists or sports professionals joined in, but I would also call them solopreneurs for this conversation. Not many men were on the stage, in some cases they were almost missing. Was it by design? I am not sure.

Talks, conversations, panel discussions centred around what women want, what they need to be more comfortable and successful in their careers. All other roles like being a mother, wife, daughter, friend or even a human being with other interests were seen as being a hindrance in the professional success. Success clearly meant professional success only. Even when wellness professionals were roped in, they primarily looked at these successful women as potential customers.

There is a lot that women wanted from employers, especially after maternity breaks. I wondered how many of them thought from an employer's perspective, especially when it is a small business or a start-up. Can they really afford to pay for an employee for almost a year without expecting anything in return? I know it is a legal right, but businesses have a balance sheet to manage, stakeholders to answer. These factors are bound to influence hiring decisions.

Ironically, while many pointed out the vast pay gap between genders, no one suggested a solution or mentioned any steps being taken to correct it. Even the women in leadership positions did not talk about policies to plug the massive pay gap. At most, they said women need to be more assertive in demanding their worth and can improve their negotiation skills. Interestingly, government jobs seem to be really treating women equally when it comes to pay.

As a participant-observer absorbing these conversations, it appeared we women are entangled in the finely woven web of feminism around us. Genetically, we are trying to do everything that women traditionally did and, on top, everything a man traditionally did. We also want to do things in the best possible way. In the process, we are losing the prime years in building a life we no longer have time or energy to enjoy.

Businesses look at financially independent women as high-potential consumers—trying to give them a million complexes for not having enough clothes, cosmetics, shoes, holidays. Incidentally, we are a part of creating this trap when we are on the other side of the table. This is how a silken web of the perfect world of desire is woven, in which the silkworm itself gets trapped.

When women say with pride they did not change their surname after marriage, they are keeping alive an old tradition. Sita is never addressed as Mrs Ram. She is always Janaki and Maithili, the daughter of the father and the land

On LinkedIn, I saw many women protesting by changing their names to their partners' name-plus-one. It took me some time to understand that they are protesting about their name not being on invites, instead they are just +1 with their spouses. I wondered if it also worked the other way, as most of these women are powerful, with a strong identity. It reminded me of the sense of pride many women exhibit when they say, "I did not change my surname after marriage."

I smile and, when the occasion permits, share that it is indeed the oldest tradition of India you are keeping alive. Women never changed their names in India. For example, we have never come across Sita being addressed as Mrs Raghuvamshi or Mrs Ram. She is always Janaki and Maithili—the daughter of the father and the land she was born to. The same goes for Draupadi, who gets her name from her father Drupad, and Panchali for being the princess of Panchal. Women retained their maiden names all their lives.

I assume the tradition of changing the name happened in the last 100 years or so, when we adopted the western style of addressing married women. Or maybe after we were forced to put surnames in multiple forms.

Talk to any successful women and you would see them attributing their success to their fathers, husbands, brothers, mentors and friends. Always. But when it comes to women-specific events, they simply forget to acknowledge them. If men in your life have helped you succeed, why not credit them in public so that many more young men are inspired to support women? In management jargon, it is like using appreciative inquiry to encourage good behaviour.

Let's appreciate that we need both men and women in our lives. The best nurturing happens when both parents are available to children. As companions, we stand together during ups and downs. Balance is the key and gender balance is indeed a delicate one.

QUOTE CORNER

I wasn't able to really do my job any more... If [groups in the Middle East] are willing to engage, they mostly want to talk about Gaza rather than the fact that they are also dealing with extreme repression. The first point they bring up is: how is this happening?

Annelle Sheline, Middle East analyst in the US State Department who became the latest staffer to leave her post in opposition to Joe Biden's Israel policy

The kind of chocolate bar that we're used to eating, that's going to become a luxury. It will be available, but it's going to be twice as expensive.

Tedd George, commodities expert, on the sharp drop in cocoa production in Ghana and Ivory Coast, the two countries that together produce 60 percent of the global supply

I got to look at Mahi bhai and at Ruturaj—both of them—these days for field placements and all. So there's a bit of confusion.

Deepak Chahar, Chennai Super Kings bowler, on who is the real on-field captain for the IPL side, current appointee Ruturaj Gaikwad or ex-skipper M S Dhoni

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Inclusivity lesson

T M Krishna's advocacy of inclusiveness and progressiveness in Carnatic music, despite its dominance by a particular community, raises questions about similar dynamics in other fields. In Tamil Nadu politics, no seats have been allocated for candidates from the same community in the upcoming elections. Does this imply their neglect and marginalisation, potentially influenced by concerns about their ability to secure support?

S Vijay Vishwanath, Chennai

Global health

Ref: *Inequalities in the global health dialogue* (March 30). The writer has rightly made out a case for global health reinventing itself as a common good, with poorer countries playing an assertive role in future governance. There should be no profiteering from life-saving drugs if we are to have a better world. The message is clear: collective welfare must be the watchword in public health the world over.

N Rama Rao, email

Nari shakti

Arvind Kejriwal's wife Sunita Kejriwal should not lose heart, as the truth will triumph. Men are not able to digest women rising high, as Hardeep Puri's mockery made clear. But Sunita, an officer with over two decades' experience with the income tax department, has worked against corruption and should be bold enough to face the insults. We, the nari shakti of India, stand with Sunita.

Indra Getzy David, Tirunelveli

Uneven field

The ED and the income tax department seem to be competing with each other to do the government's bidding. Both do whatever they can to financially cripple the opposition. What is most disquieting is that a level playing field becomes non-existent as a result. But then, voters watch everything and make up their minds before voting.

G David Milton, Maruthancode

Return gift

It looks like the Congress in Telangana is giving return gifts to the BRS by attracting most of its leaders. In the past, the BRS snatched many Congress MLAs and made it lose the principal opposition status. There is a saying: what you do will come back to you. It seems to be happening to the BRS now.

T Kailash Ditya, Hyderabad

Voter's choice

If voters can't disqualify an elected MLA, then the courts should allow them to withdraw the votes that elected the candidate. Also, the Election Commissioner should order re-polling for a constituency where the elected MLA joins another party. Such moves will justify the choice of voters.

Syed Amjad Ali, Secunderabad

Ratna request

Bijayananda 'Biju' Patnaik, a statesman and freedom fighter, was an architect of modern India. He was also instrumental in assisting Indonesia's independence struggle and was honoured with the country's highest national award, the Bhoomi Putra. He surely deserves a posthumous Bharat Ratna.

Nabnit Panigrahi, Rayagada

Efficient IPL

An efficient way of hosting IPL matches would be to adopt a 'maxima-minima concept'. Minimise air travel of players to reduce their stress, maximise their efficiency and cut costs. Shorten the competition by hosting at least four matches per day and increasing the number of venues. Make two regional groups and play in nearby cities. The saved money may be used for infrastructure development of cricket and other sports.

P V Madhu, Secunderabad

Balanced pH

Kudos to *TNIE* for bringing out the special edition, *Pride of Tamil Nadu*. Chief Minister M K Stalin mentioned that the state is more peaceful than others. As in chemistry, it is important to maintain our pH balance—peace and happiness.

T S Karthik, Chennai

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Congress party will usher in a 'Rozgar Kranti' through Yuva Nyay guarantee! We will take concrete measures to increase employment opportunities and enable entrepreneurship.

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
The only solution for the permanent security of the borders is the permanent employment of the army. will BJP guarantee the borders?

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
EBs was the legalisation of mega political corruption. Each one of these transactions reeks of sleazy loot.

Setback to Cong as I-T dept sends 2 more tax notices

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

TROUBLE mounted for the Congress on Saturday as the party claimed that it received two more notices from the Income Tax (I-T) Department on 'Friday night'. The fresh notices came a day after the party was served a tax notice to the tune of ₹1,823.08 crore for arrears in five assessment years (1994-95 and 2017- 2018 to 2020-21) by the I-T department.

Addressing the media at the party headquarters, AICC general secretary **Jairam Ramesh** said that the fresh notices did not come as a surprise to the party. "We got two more notices on Friday night. Today I don't know how many more we will get. We got tax notices from the time of Sitaram Kesari, (1993-94). It is not surprising anymore. I get surprised if we don't receive notices," said Ramesh.

However, it is not clear if the party was slapped with demand for the three assessment years (2014-15 to 2016-17) on Friday night. While Congress workers held nationwide protests against the I-T action, the party was hopeful that the Supreme Court would take up its petition on Monday.

On Friday, several leaders including Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge and former president Rahul Gandhi termed the action "tax terrorism of the Modi government".

The Delhi High Court rejected petitions by Congress challenging the tax reassessment proceedings for a period of four years from 2017- 2021.

It dismissed the plea in terms of its earlier decision refusing to interfere with the opening of re-assessment for another year. In the earlier petition, which was dismissed last week, the Congress had challenged the initiation of reassessment proceedings for assessment years 2014-15 to 2016-17. However, the tax department traced "unaccounted transactions" of ₹523.87 crore during raids conducted before the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Responding to I-T allegations, Congress Rajya Sabha MP Vivek Tankha who represented the party in the High Court, told this paper that the tax department is misleading people as there are only entries in the Excel sheets and no such cash transactions.

He cited the Supreme Court rejecting a plea for probing the alleged payoffs to Prime Minister Narendra Modi by the Birla-Sahara groups saying that it's only Excel sheet entries.

Rajnath to lead 27-member BJP manifesto committee

Nirmala Sitharaman, Piyush Goyal as convenor and co-comvenor

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

THE BJP has formed a 27-member election manifesto committee for the Lok Sabha elections with defence minister **Rajnath Singh** as its president. Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** and Union minister **Piyush Goyal** are the committee's convener and co-convener respectively.

The committee includes 11 Union ministers, besides chief ministers of some BJP-ruled states, except UP and Rajasthan. The committee is tasked with preparing an inclusive and people-centric manifesto well ahead of the first phase of polling on April 19 across 102 LS constituencies.

The committee members include Bhupendra Patel (Gujarat CM), Vishnudeo Rai (Chhattisgarh CM), Mohan Yadav (MP CM), Himanta Biswa Sharma (Assam CM) Assam, Keshaw Prasad Maurya (UP's deputy CM) besides experienced leaders like Shivraj Singh Chouhan (former MP CM) and Vasundhara Raje (ex-CM Rajashthan).

Rajnath Singh is ranked among the top five party leaders and has had a profound organisational experience ever since he was the party president. He also headed the party election manifesto in 2019 along with other members, who have been repeated in this panel. According to party sources, Union ministers Dharamendra Pradhan, Ashwini Vaishnaw, Arjun Munda, Arjun Ram Meghwal, Smriti Irani and Rajeev Chandrasekhar are among 24 members of the committee. "They have good experience of reading people's pulse and have ideas for shaping up an effective poll manifesto in the form of Sankalp Patra Modi Ki Guarantee.' "This party document will incorporate people's suggestions received in a drive and the Namo app," said a senior BJP leader.

About the absence of some CMs from the committee, sources said senior leaders who are not included could be made a part of other organisational exercises related to the elections.

Bihar's former deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi is well-versed in organisational works as well as finance-related issues, former law minister Ravi Shankar Prasad, former minister Jual Oram, party's organisational leaders such as Vinod Tawde, Tariq Mansoor and Anil Antony are other prominent members of the manifesto committee. To ensure representation from minority communities, the BJP is learnt to have included Anil Antony and Tariq Mansoor. The party has also made former Haryana BJP chief OP Dhankar one of the members of the manifesto committee.

The party will take a serious look at people's suggestions for the manifesto. It launched a 15-day drive across the country inviting suggestions. The party received more than 15 lakh suggestions for the manifesto. Another 78,000 suggestions were received through NamoApp.

DECODE LS POLLS '24 DECIDE

New resolves to make India 'atmanirbhar'

The party placed suggestion boxes at 6,000 places across the country in addition to holding rounds of meetings with experts and prominent people. Sources said the BJP's election manifesto may have many new resolves for making the country 'atmanirbhar' (self-reliant) and 'viksit-Bharat'(developed India) by 2047 through people's participation.

KANGANA RANAUT

THE RETURN OF CONTROVERSY'S CHILD IN MANDI

HARPREET BAJWA

Mandar Pardikar

THE girl from Bhambla in Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh was always ambitious, and a little outspoken. She wanted to be in medical profession, but failed to clear the pre-medical test. The teenager was restless and reached Delhi to become a model, and then Mumbai to become an actor. And thus Kangana Ranaut was reborn, being increasingly seen as a rebellious rabble-rouser by her critics.

Controversies have followed her on and off-screen as an element of devilment replenished her persona, year after year. It was director Anurag Basu who spotted Kangana and signed her for her first movie 'Gangster' when she was 18 years old. She gave many hits such as 'Tanu Weds Manu,' 'Manikarnika – The Queen of Jhansi' and 'Tejas'.

Finally, Kangana's full-throated 'Jai Shri Ram' at the consecration ceremony in Ayodhya gave away that part of her life that's unfolding in Mandi. The BJP candidate has arrived back home, fully loaded and unforgiving.

Her actions have followed the roles that she has played of two most powerful women politicians in the country: 'Thalaivii' in 2021 showed her as J Jayalalithaa, and the yet-to-release 'Emergency' where she is portraying the role of former prime minister Indira Gandhi.

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Like all other times, controversy again followed her: the latest was when Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinate allegedly posted an offensive comment against her on social media which she later deleted. Kangana responded saying she was considering legal action. She said the remarks made against her were insulting for Mandi, its public and the land's hugely revered saints and seers.

"If a young man gets a party ticket, his ideology is attacked, and if a young woman gets a nomination, her sexuality is attacked. Any derogatory word about a woman, be it a teacher, actress, journalist, politician or a sex worker, is condemnable. The dignity of a woman should always be maintained, especially when Mandi is also known as Mini Kashi," she asserted.

Kangana admires Swami Vivekananda who has instilled nationalism in her and Sadhguru who has "inspired her to become a karmayogi". She supported CAA before joining the BJP.

She calls herself a "common party karyakarta" and is an ardent Narendra Modi fan. "Don't think Kangana is a heroine, that she is a star. Consider Kangana your sister, your daughter. Everyone is my family," she said as she hailed PM Modi with 'Jai Shri Ram' and asserted that the BJP's main agenda is development. Her name had figured among the probable party candidates in the 2021 bypolls for Mandi parliamentary seat after BJP MP Ram Swaroop Sharma died.

Kangana, 37, is known for taking on bigwigs of Bollywood. Lyricist Javed Akhtar filed a defamation case against her in the court of the metropolitan magistrate in Mumbai in November 2020. He said that Kangana dragged his name while referring to an existing 'coterie' in Bollywood during a TV interview after the death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput. Actor Aditya Pancholi and his wife Zarina Wahab filed separate criminal defamation complaints against Kangana in an Andheri court in October 2017.

Her strong views on farmers' agitation landed her in the soup as Mahinder Kaur of Bathinda filed a defamation case against her in January 2021. Kaur alleged in an 'X' post that Kangana compared her, when she was participating in the farmers' protests on the Delhi-Haryana borders, with the "Dadi" at Delhi's Shaheen Bagh.

A case was registered against Kangana on November 23, 2021 at the Khar police station in Mumbai for allegedly portraying the 'Kisan Morcha' as a "Khalistani movement" and calling the Sikh community "Khalistani terrorists" on the complaint of Amarjeet Singh Sandhu, a Mumbai-based businessman.

The Himachal Pradesh BJP has posted the details of these cases on its 'X' handle, @BJP4Himachal, in compliance with the guidelines of the Election Commission of India.

BHARAT RATNA CEREMONY

President Droupadi Murmu with Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah during a ceremony for presentation of Bharat Ratna at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi on Saturday | PTI

Guv roles for Choubey, Singh likely after June 4

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

IN anticipation of a third consecutive term at the Centre post-Lok Sabha poll results on June 4, the BJP-led NDA government has indicated a gubernatorial reshuffle.

Some senior BJP leaders and one former MP of BJP's ally in Bihar may be assigned governorship and an Lieutenant Governor's post in north and northeast states, including a Union Territory.

Sources indicated on Saturday that two senior Union ministers and MPs belonging to BJP, who have not been fielded this time in LS polls, are tipped to be appointed as governors in a first move soon after June 4.

"The denial of nomination may take them to a new constitutional responsibility of governorship. They are well-versed in constitutional and parliamentary knowledge also," said a source, adding the government will have to effect a gubernatorial reshuffle after the formation of a new government because terms of some of the present governors are ending.

"Speculation is on about two ex-Union ministers — Ashwini Choubey and General (Retired) VK Singh. They can be sent to new posts of governors of north India after June 4," said a senior source.

General (Retd) VK Singh "may be considered for the Lieutenant Governor's post after the term of the present Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor ends. Singh may also be considered to serve Ladakh as its LG," hinted a source.

Currently, BD Mishra is Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh appointed in February 12 in 2023 while Manoj Sinha is the serving J&K LG since August 7 in 2020. Sources said Sinha is not willing to continue further.

Cyber frauds: Collaborating closely with Cambodia to rescue citizens

YESHI SELI @New Delhi

INDIA has rescued and repatriated nearly 250 Indians, out of which 75 were rescued in the past three months. Several advisories have been issued by the Indian Embassy and Ministry to Indians who have been lured under the pretext of jobs and have ended up working forcibly for cyber frauds.

"Our embassy in Cambodia has been promptly responding to complaints from Indian nationals who were lured with employment opportunities to that country but were forced to undertake illegal cyber work. We are collaborating closely with Cambodian authorities. They have rescued and repatriated about 250 Indians out of which 75 were during the last three months," said Ministry of External Affairs spokesman, **Randhir Jaiswal**.

India has stated it's committed to helping all Indian nationals in Cambodia who are seeking support. "We are also working with Cambodian authorities and agencies in India to crack down on those responsible for these fraudulent schemes," said Jaiswal.

5K Indians trapped

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The experts mulled over ways to chart out a rescue strategy for Indians who are victims of Human Trafficking in Cambodia. Victims are allegedly forced to conduct cyber frauds targeting Indians impersonating as law enforcement officers to extort money. Some people from Bengaluru have been freed and brought back to India.

This issue came to light after the Rourkela Police in Odisha unearthed a cyber crime scam in December last year, which led to the arrests of some agents involved in trafficking Indians to Cambodia.

Assam Rifles escorted Dalai Lama 65 yrs ago

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

AS the escape of the 14th Dalai Lama to India from his homeland Tibet completes 65 years on Saturday, the Assam Rifles, which was entrusted with his safe evacuation, recalled its continued association with the spiritual leader.

The 5th battalion of the Assam Rifles was given the task of bringing in the Dalai Lama and his entourage safely through the North East Frontier Agency, now Arunachal Pradesh, to Assam as they entered Indian territory on March 31, 1959. The 5th battalion was deployed in Kameng Frontier Division of Arunachal Pradesh in 1958.

"The legacy of the 5th Assam Rifles' escort of the Dalai Lama in 1959 remains a poignant chapter in the shared history of India and Tibet, symbolising the enduring spirit of friendship, support and humanitarianism," the paramilitary force said in a statement.

Since the escape, the Dalai Lama has been living in Dharamshala. As a token of appreciation, the Dalai Lama presented his personal weapons to the 5th Assam Rifles. These weapons are displayed at the Assam Rifles Museum in Shillong as mementos. He also bestowed on them his blessings.

"May your luck increase to the size of a mountain. May your fame be such as to cover the whole sky. May your knowledge become vast and deep as the sea; long and healthy lives to you and hope your Work for others will be a success," the Dalai Lama said.

As news of the Dalai Lama's escape spread, the Indian government responded by dispatching a contingent of 5th Assam Rifles to ensure his safe passage into the country.

On March 31, the spiritual leader was received by the party of the 5th Assam Rifles and the people of Monyulat at the Frontier Post of Chuthangmu in Kameng Division.

He was escorted by the paramilitary force through Tawang, Bomdila and then to Tezpur, from where he proceeded further into the country.

Following the Dalai Lama's forced exile to India, the frontier posts of Chuthangmu, Bumla and Chuna saw a mass ingress of armed Tibetan refugees called 'Khampas', and the 5th Assam Rifles thereafter escorted approximately 12,000 refugees through the Kameng Frontier Division.

During visit to Guwahati in April 2017, the Dalai Lama recalled his evacuation from Tibet and met Havildar Naren Chandra Das (retired) of Assam Rifles, who had escorted him in 1959. The Dalai Lama embraced the old soldier and reminisced the vexatious times. The Dalai Lama praised and blessed the Assam Rifles for their selfless service to the nation.

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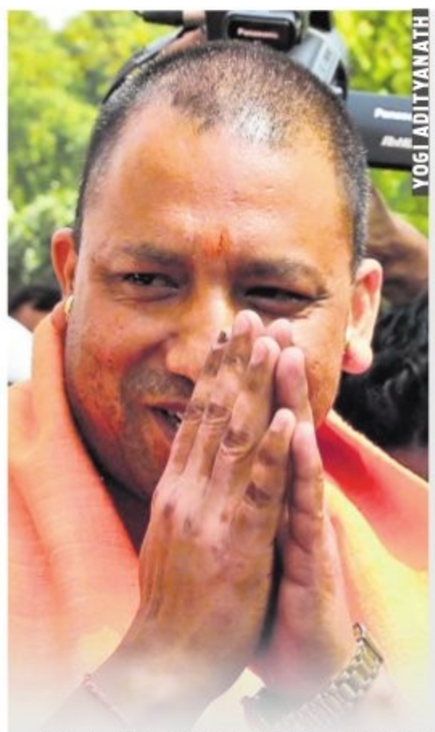
Bhopal	36	24	Panaji	33	27
Jaipur	36	22	Patna	36	26
Amritsar	30	17	Lucknow	36	22
Chennai	32	27	Port Blair	31	27
Kolkata	35	27	Imphal	26	18
Srinagar	12	06	Chandigarh	32	19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SAFFRON SWEEP ON CARDS?

TOTAL LOK SABHA SEATS
80

BJP PERFORMANCE

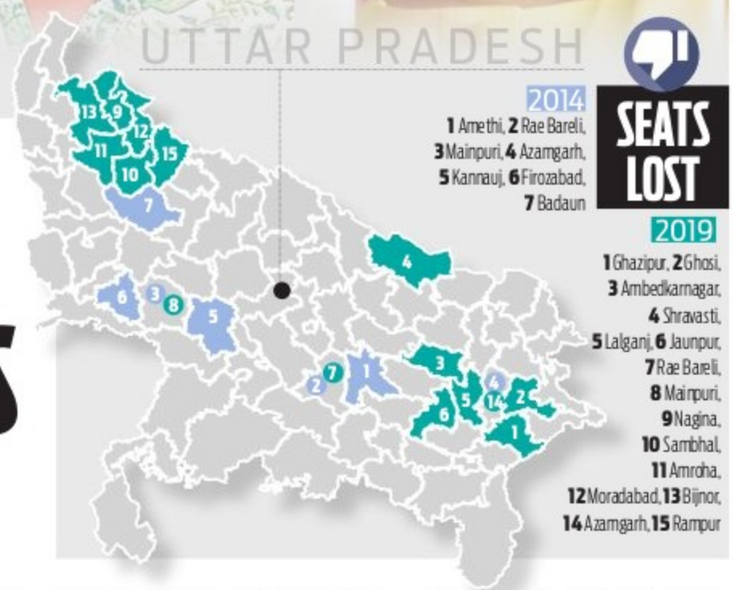
2014	2019
71	62
VOTE SHARE 42.32%	VOTE SHARE 49.56%

SEATS WON BY LESS THAN 15,000 VOTES

- MACHHLISHAHAR (181)
- MEERUT (4,729)
- KANNAUJ (12,353)
- CHANDAULI (13,959)
- SULTANPUR (14,526)

ASSEMBLY POLLS

2017	312	VOTE SHARE 41.57%
2022	255	VOTE SHARE 44.15%


UTTAR PRADESH
2014
1 Amethi, 2 Rae Bareli, 3 Mainpuri, 4 Azamgarh, 5 Kannauj, 6 Firozabad, 7 Badaun
SEATS LOST
2019
1 Ghazipur, 2 Ghosi, 3 Ambedkarnagar, 4 Shravasti, 5 Lalganj, 6 Jaunpur, 7 Rae Bareli, 8 Mainpuri, 9 Nagina, 10 Sambhal, 11 Amroha, 12 Moradabad, 13 Bijnor, 14 Azamgarh, 15 Rampur

BATTLE FOR BIG PIE

BUMPY ROADS AHEAD OF BJP'S 'MISSION 80'

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

POLITICAL experts feel that the ruling BJP has already delivered its best by winning 71 of the 80 seats in Uttar Pradesh in 2014 Lok Sabha elections when Narendra Modi was projected as the PM candidate. The target of winning all 80 seats in 2024 seems to be a hard row to hoe for the BJP.

But accomplishing this 'Mission 80' in the face of challenges would be crucial to realise the battle cry of '400 paar'.

In 2019 Lok Sabha elections when the SP and BSP were in a grand alliance, the BJP lost 16 seats. It later wrested two SP bastions of Rampur and Azamgarh in 2022 bypolls.

"Taking an overview of the scenario after the announcement of candidates for a majority of seats, Mainpuri and Rae Bareli seem to be impregnable forts for the saffron brigade," says Prof AK Mishra, a political scientist.

Mainpuri is a SP bastion where bahu of SP's first family Dimple Yadav seems comfortably poised to take the political legacy of her father-in-law late Mulayam Singh Yadav forward. The fight in Rae Bareli, the traditional pocket borough of Congress, will not be easy for the BJP if a Gandhi family member decides to contest there.

"Moreover, it would not be a cakewalk for BJP MP Smriti Irani if Congress leader Rahul Gandhi decides to confront her in Amethi," says Prof Mishra. Experts feel that BJP would face challenges on a few seats on which voters expected new faces but the party repeated the incumbent MPs or gave ticket to losing candidates expecting that the euphoria after consecration of Ram Lalla will do wonders.

Another challenge is that this time it is not going to be a four-cornered contest like 2014 when BJP-Apna Dal (S) alliance, Congress-RLD-Mahan Dal tie-up and SP and BSP were in the fray. The BJP-led alliance had reaped the benefit of a division of Muslim votes.

Another challenge is that the shift in Dalit votes in favour of the BJP may not be as conspicuous on over 35 seats as it was in 2019 because of the absence of BSP on 37 seats which had gone to SP under seat sharing. Even the summers will pose challenges for party cadre to bring the voter to the booth. "Expecting a positive wave in favour of the party, our voter sits back on the day of polling and it impacts the party's prospects," says a BJP leader.

Meanwhile, taking into account the challenges, the BJP claims to have chalked out a better strategy to accomplish the Mission 80. With the consecration of Ram Lalla ahead of the general elections, the BJP is sending out the message of fulfilment of its commitment. That the present INDI Alliance having SP and Congress in tie-up doesn't seem to be as formidable as SP-BSP-RLD alliance of 2019 is likely to benefit the ruling alliance.

Mayawati's decision to go it alone will help the BJP and allies by driving division in Muslim vote bank. Moreover, the BJP is allied with smaller caste groups like OP Rajbhar-led SBSP, Sanjay Nishad-led NISHAD, Anupriya Patel-led Apna Dal (S), and Jayant Chaudhury's RLD to minimise losses it suffered in 2019.

GUJARAT

Internal rift hits BJP as rebellion erupts in 5 seats

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @Ahmedabad

FOR the first time in 22 years, the BJP in Gujarat is facing serious internal resistance over five of the 26 Lok Sabha seats in the run-up to the May 7 polls. What initially started as dissent in one of the constituencies has now spread to about half a dozen others, including Sabarkantha, Rajkot, Vadodara, and Valsad districts, posing a challenge for the party.

To make matters worse, circulating on social media is a letter to the BJP state president urging a change in the party's candidate for the Junagadh constituency. In the viral letter addressed to state BJP president CR Patil, a Jan Sangh worker has highlighted various concerns about BJP candidate Rajesh Chudasama.

"He has not done a single worth mentioning developmental work in Junagadh, nor has he taken any interest in conveying the central and state government schemes to the beneficiaries," reads the letter. In the wake of the resistance from local leaders, the party candidate in Vadodara, Ranjan Bhatt, was replaced. However, there is growing demand to replace the new candidate, Dr Hemang Joshi.

Sources indicate that several BJP workers question Joshi's roots, claiming that he was in the state for education and that his involvement with the party was only for three years. Expressing dissent, a BJP worker criticised Joshi on social media. During a live stream featuring state BJP president CR Patil, the worker commented, "It is an insult to Vadodara's women's power; first, they were given the ticket and then withdrawn. What has he contributed to the party?"

Yet, BJP candidate Hemang Joshi asserted that "There is no discontent within the BJP". As of now, the controversy concerning the candidacy in Sabarkantha remains unresolved. A meeting was convened at the Chief Minister's residence earlier in the day to deliberate on the Sabarkantha candidate.

On Friday, state Home Minister Harsh Sanghvi visited Sabarkantha amid protests against the BJP's nominated candidate, Shobnaben Baraiya. After this visit, sources suggest that the Home Minister submitted a report to the state president and chief minister. Despite BJP candidate Rupala issuing two apologies for his remarks concerning the Rajput community, efforts persist within the community to seek a change in the candidate for Rajkot. On Saturday, the Rajput community gave a memorandum to the Gandhinagar collector and also urged the BJP to reconsider their choice.

Kshatriya leader quits Gujarat BJP over Rupala's remarks about community

Kshatriya community leader Raj Shekhawat on Saturday resigned from the BJP in protest against Union Minister and Rajkot Lok Sabha candidate Parshottam Rupala's remarks earlier. Rupala, while speaking at a public event, had claimed several Rajput rulers collaborated with the British, a statement that drew widespread condemnation from community members. Shekhawat is also national president of a faction of the Karni Sena, an outfit of the Rajput or Kshatriya community. He said he was resigning from the primary membership of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party with immediate effect. Shekhawat said that he had joined the BJP ahead of the Assembly polls for "the welfare of the community and Sanatan Dharma".

Pawar vs Pawar plays out on Baramati turf

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

THE Baramati Lok Sabha constituency is gearing up for an unprecedented political clash as Supriya Sule, the current MP and daughter of former Union Minister Sharad Pawar, squares off against Sunetra Pawar, the spouse of Ajit Pawar, Deputy Chief Minister and nephew of Sharad Pawar.

Jayant Patil, the state president of the NCP led by Sharad Pawar, declared Supriya Sule as their candidate for the Baramati seat. In response, Ajit Pawar's faction of the NCP nominated Sunetra Pawar for the same seat, setting the stage for a fierce competition between the two in Baramati. Sharad Pawar has entrusted the responsibility of Supriya Sule's campaign to his grandnephew, Rohit Pawar, who has been extensively touring the constituency.

Interestingly, Sriniwas Pawar, Ajit Pawar's brother, along with his family, is rallying for Supriya Sule, while no prominent member of the Pawar family is supporting Ajit Pawar.

This election holds significant importance for Ajit Pawar, especially after his son, Parth Pawar, faced a significant defeat in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections in the Maval constituency against the Shiv Sena's candidate. Now, Ajit Pawar's political future and the fate of his spouse are hanging in the balance in this electoral showdown.

Sriniwas Pawar, Ajit Pawar's brother, expressed gratitude towards their 84-year-old uncle, Sharad Pawar, for everything he has provided, emphasising the family's loyalty and commitment to him. He noted that while it was previously understood that Supriya would represent the Lok Sabha and Ajit would represent the Baramati state assembly, circumstances have evolved, yet their allegiance to their uncle remains steadfast, hence their decision to campaign for Supriya. Additionally, Sriniwas's spouse encouraged voters to appreciate other offerings but reminded them to vote for Supriya Sule, symbolised by the Tutari—the horn-blowing man.

Political clash between Ajit Pawar's wife Sunetra Pawar and Supriya Sule | EXPRESS

Ajit's brother rallying for Sule: Sriniwas Pawar, Ajit Pawar's brother, along with his family, is rallying for Supriya Sule, while no prominent member of the Pawar family is supporting Ajit. This election holds significant importance for the latter, especially after his son, Parth Pawar, faced a significant defeat in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections

CP Joshi named Cong candidate from Bhilwara

RAJESH ASNANI @Jaipur

IN a last-minute shuffle of candidates, the Congress has fielded former railway minister and Rajasthan assembly speaker **CP Joshi** from the Bhilwara Lok Sabha constituency, which he had won in 2009.

In the ninth list of the Congress, Joshi replaced Damodar Gurjar, who was picked as the candidate for Rajsamand Lok Sabha seat in place of Sudarshan Rawat.

In 2009 Lok Sabha polls, Joshi had defeated BJP candidate VP Singh by a margin of 135,368 votes. After that the BJP won the Bhilwara seat in 2014 and 2019. Gurjar was picked for Rajsamand after party leader

Sudershan Rawat declined his candidacy from there, citing personal business commitments abroad and expressing discontent over being nominated without his consent.

In a letter to party's Rajasthan president Govind Singh Dotasra, Rawat levelled allegations against Congress leaders in the Mewar region. "During discussions for the Lok Sabha elections over the past month, I repeatedly conveyed my inability to contest to all the top leaders of the state. Merely four months after the defeat in the last assembly polls, I did not deem it morally or logically sound to contest the Lok Sabha elections. However, a prominent leader from the area kept the party in dark and proposed my name for the ticket," Rawat said.

Demanding greater representation for the youth in polls, he emphasised the need for a candidate who could fully commit himself to the campaign.

In the Congress, some candidates have been replaced in response to various concerns. Sunil Sharma, initially nominated for Jaipur, was replaced due to his alleged links with a controversial platform, Jaipur Dialogues.

Chirag releases list, Paras says he is still with NDA

RAMASHANKAR @Patna

CHIRAG Paswan's Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), an ally of the BJP-led NDA, on Saturday released its list of candidates for the Lok Sabha elections, amid a likely rapprochement between 'chacha' (Pashupati Kumar Paras) and 'Bhatija' (Chirag Paswan).

His party has been allocated five seats in seat-sharing agreement among constituents of NDA. While Chirag will contest from Hajipur, Shambhavi Choudhary — state minister Ashok Choudahry's daughter — has been fielded from Samastipur (SC). "My party, RLJP, is an integral part of NDA. PM Narendra Modi is my leader too," RLJP chief Pashupati Kumar Paras said on X hinting at possible reconciliation.

CHHATTISGARH

This BJP candidate banks on 'cutting lemon, tantra-mantra' to sail through

EJAZ KAISER @Raipur

THE Congress has lodged a complaint with the Election Commission against the BJP candidate Bhojraj Nag from Kanker Lok Sabha constituency for allegedly luring the voters by pledging to ensure development and alleviate the problems faced by a village by using "superstitious and miracle" means.

In its complaint, the Congress legal cell in charge Dewa Devangan said the BJP candidate and his party were misleading the voters, misleading them with promises to remove the problems of village by "cutting a lemon and chanting tantra-mantra".

"I give my assurance on the development. I'll cut the lemon and use the power of your tantra-mantra to remove any hurdles or problems faced by a village," Nag was heard while addressing an election rally.

Congress leaders file complaint with ED against BJP's Kanker candidate | EXPRESS

"This is one the worst forms of deception given to the common voters. A fair and healthy election process can be badly influenced with such unfounded assurances given by the BJP candidate", said the Congress leaders. They demanded immediate legal action against the BJP candidate from Kanker, which happens to be one of the four reserved Scheduled Tribe seats in Chhattisgarh.

"CM Vishnu Deo Sai too was present in the election rally addressed by the BJP candidate at Balod district in Dondi-Lohara area of the constituency. It's not just violation of the model code of conduct but it also comes under the category of crime with such "misleading" publicity under the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act 1954 and a section of the IPC", stated the complaint letter addressed to Chhattisgarh chief electoral officer in Raipur.

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Taranjit Sandhu in BJP Punjab list

The BJP on Saturday named its candidates for 11 more Lok Sabha constituencies, fielding a number of leaders who joined it from different parties recently such as Bhartruhari Mahtab, Ravneet Singh Bittu, Sushil Kumar Rinku and Preneet Kaur. All these leaders have been fielded from the seats they represent in the outgoing Lok Sabha, while former Indian ambassador to the US Taranjit Singh Sandhu will be making his poll debut from Amritsar.

BJP wins 10 seats in Arunachal

Making its foray into the Assembly of Arunachal Pradesh, the BJP on Saturday won 10 of the 60 seats uncontested. The candidates include CM Pema Khandu and his deputy Chowna Mein. The others being Ratu Techi, Jikke Tako, Nyato Dukam, Mutchu Mithi, Hage Appa, Techi Kaso, Dongru Siongju and Dasanglu Pul. No opposition parties fielded candidates in five constituencies while in the remaining five, rival candidates withdrew their nomination.

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No.96, South End Road,
Bengaluru-560004

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]
TO BORROWER/ GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

We, **Canara Bank, South End Road Branch** had issued Demand Notice to you under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledge/ Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledgement returned due to non-availability of addresses at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixture at the addresses given. The contents of the said notices are mentioned herein below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers/ Mortgagors / Guarantors : (1) Mr. Darshan.M, No. 31, 4th Cross, 7th Block, Jaya Nagar, Bengaluru-560082, **(2) Mrs. Roopa (Guarantor)** No. 31, 4th Cross, 7th Block, Jaya Nagar, Bengaluru-560082.

[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Loan No.	Nature of Loan	Date of Sanction/ Renewal	Sanctioned Amount in Lakhs	O/s Liability with interest as on 29.02.2024	Rate of Interest
1173261 001038	ODBD + ADHOC	27.01.2023 + 15.11.2023	Rs. 216 Lakhs +40.00	Rs.2,57,49,391.19	11.90%
161001 126322	VEHICLE LOAN	31.10.2023	Rs. 65.00 Lakhs	Rs. 61,20,701.52	12.10%
170002 820280	GECL 1 (Extension)	15.02.2021	Rs. 18.00 Lakhs	Rs. 18,40,713.97	9.25%

Total Liability Amount: Rs.3,37,10,807/- (Rupees Three Crores Thirty Seven Lakhs Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Seven Only) as on **29.02.2024** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

NPA Date : 28.02.2024 **Demand Notice Dated : 01.03.2024**

Details of the Immovable Property: (1) MODTD of vacant Site No 7, in the name of Smt. ROOPA, VP Khatha No. 690, BBMP No. 745/7, formed in Converted Sy No. 58/5A, situated at Gubbalalu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West : 50 Feet, North to South : 30 Feet, totally measuring 1500 Sq. Ft. and bounded on : East : 30 Feet Road, West : Site No.26, North : Site No.6, South : Site No.8.
(2) MODTD of Vacant site formed in converted No. 8 in the name of Smt. Roopa, VP Khatha No 690, BBMP No.745/8, formed in Converted Sy. No 58/5A, situated at Guballalu Village Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West : 50 Feet, North to South : 30 feet, totally measuring 1500 Sq Ft. and bounded on : East: 30 Feet Road, West: Site No. 25, North: Site No. 07, South: Site No. 09.

2. Name and Address of the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers/ Mortgagors / Guarantors : (1) M/s. ZEN Building Solutions Pvt. Ltd, No.616, 2nd Floor, 100 ft Ring Road, 4th Phase, 7th Block, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru- 560085 **(2) Mr.B.K.Ramesha,** No.96 B, Pooja Apartment, 2nd A Cross, 3rd Main, Near Vidya Peeta Circle, Srinivasa Nagar, Bengaluru-560050 **(3) Mrs. S.S. Reena,** No. 96 B, Pooja Apartment, 2nd A cross, 3rd Main, Near Vidya Peeta Circle, Srinivasa Nagar, Bengaluru-560050 **(4) Mr. Banaji S Murthy,** No.275, 5th Main, MS Ramaiah City, JP Nagar, 8th Phase, Bengaluru-560076, **(5) Mr. Gopalakrishna K.P (Guarantor),** No. 15, 10th Cross, N R Colony, Bengaluru-560019.

[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Loan No.	Nature of Loan	Date of Sanction	Sanctioned Amount in Lakhs	O/s Liability with interest as on 28.02.2024	Rate Of Interest
117326 1001003	OCC/OD	30.06.2022	375.00 Lakhs	Rs.3,88,71,193.90	9.90%
117375 3000007	Working Capital Demand loan	17.04.2020	60.00 Lakhs	Rs. 8,03,987.86	9.25%
117375 5000015	GECL	15.06.2020	45.00 Lakhs	Rs. 24,72,458.52	9.25%
173000 204217	GECL 1 (Extension)	23.11.2021	22.50 Lakhs	Rs. 23,03,944.23	9.25%

Total Liability Amount: Rs. 4,44,51,585/- (Rupees Four Crores Forty Four Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Five Only) as on **27.02.2024** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs .

NPA Date : 27.02.2024 **Demand Notice Dated : 29.02.2024**

Details of the Immovable Property: (1) Continuing EMT/ Regd. MODTD of Residential Flat No. F1, 1st Floor "B" Block, "Pooja Apartments", Municipal No. 96/1 and PID No. 54-364-096/1, situated at 2nd A Cross, 1st phase, Srinivasa Nagar, Bengaluru- 560019 with a Built Up Area of 800 Sq.Ft together with 279 Sq.Ft of undivided share standing in the name of the director Mr. B K Ramesha, and bounded on : East: Open Space, West: Corridor, North: Open Space, South: Stair Case.
(2) Continuing EMT/ Regd. MODTD of Residential Flat No. F3, PID No. 51-30-15/2, 1st Floor, Southern portion of the property bearing Municipal No. 15, Old No. 268, "Santrupthi", situated at 10th Cross, 4th Main, N R Colony, Bengaluru-560019 with a Super Built-Up Area of 1150 Sq.Ft together with undivided share of 275 Sq.Ft, standing in the name of Mr. K P Gopalakrishna, and bounded on : East: Property of Jatti Vallabha Narasimha Sastry & Lakshmi Kanth, West: Property belonging to Sri V.Muthu, North: Flat No.-F-4, New Municipal No. 15/3, South: Road.

You are here by called upon to pay **Canara Bank,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which, **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagors including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice affixed and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 27.03.2024
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

LOST OF DOCUMENTS

I, **Deepak BS S/o Vijaya Shrikanth,** Residing at # 028, Ushas Apartment, 16th main, Jayanagar 4th block, Bangalore. I have lost Sale deed Document number **2398 & 3134** of Plot No.26, 16th main road, 4th 'T' Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-11. on 30.03.2024. For this we have lodge complaint in Bengaluru city of Lost report No. 0996029/2024. If anybody found above documents, Kindly contact to nearest police station or 9845584033.

Sd/- Guttyappa S C
- Advocate and consultant
No #7 kasturi apartment, 3rd floor,
35/11 Langford road cross
shanthi nagar Bangalore- 560025

Form No. 14
[See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D Dasti failing which by Publication

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALURU (DRT 2)
No. 4, Residency Road, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, Hayes Road, Bengaluru-560025.

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961
RC 142/2020

To, 31.08.2020
CANARA BANK
Nelamangala Branch, B.H. Road, Nelamangala,
Represented by its Manager Miss Kiran D/o. Chakradhar Prasad Yadad
Bangalore Rural - 562 123.
Certificate Holder

1. Krishnappa
Channahalli Village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural.
2. Kumara Swamy
S/o. Late R. Rajanna and Late Smt. Lakshmi Devamma, Channahalli Village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural.
3. Nagesh
S/o. Late R. Rajanna and Late Smt. Lakshmi Devamma, Channahalli Village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural. **Certificate Debtors**

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursurance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bengaluru (DRT-2) in **OA/1650/2018** as amount of **Rs. 17,24,326/-** (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty Sixe only) along with pendentellite and future interest @ 16.20% Compound Interest Half-yearly w.e.f. 05.05.2018 till realization and costs of **Rs. 58,588** (Rupees Fifty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Eight only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 23.12.2021 at 10.30 a.m. for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay :

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand the seal of the Tribunal, on this date : **31.08.2020.**

Recovery Officer - I
Debts Recovery Tribunal,
Bengaluru (DRT 2)

Note : Strike out whichever is not applicable.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client (**'Client'**) is desirous of entering into a sale transaction in connection with the immovable property morefully described in the **'Schedule'** hereto and hereinafter referred to as **'Schedule Property'** with Mr. Srinivas T., son of Mr. Thimmarayappa (**'Owner'**). The Owner has represented to our Client that he is the sole and absolute owner of the Schedule Property, with unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that any person/s other than the Owner, asserting any right, title, charge, lien, claim/s or any interest whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property is/are hereby called upon to submit to the undersigned, their claim/s, if any, over the Schedule Property or their objections, if any, to the aforementioned sale transaction. The said claim/s or objections must be in writing, together with documentary proof of such claim/s or objections, so as to reach us at the address given below within a period of 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this Notice. If no such claim/s or objections are received, it shall be deemed that no one else other than the Owner has/ have any right, title, interest or claim/s in respect of the Schedule Property and our Client would be at liberty to proceed with the said sale transaction in connection with the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE
(Description of the Schedule Property)

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being agricultural land and being a portion of Survey No. 148/1, measuring 01 Acre (out of 01 Acre 19 Guntas), situated at Manchanahalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, and bounded on the:

East by : Road and remaining portion of property bearing Survey No. 148/1;
West by : Property bearing Survey No. 15/2;
North by : Government Road; and
South by : Property bearing Survey No. 148/2.

Sd/-
Ms. Brijita Prakash, Partner
DSK Legal
Prestige Loka, No. 201, 2nd Floor, No. 7/1 & 7/7, Brunton Road,
Craig Park Layout, Bengaluru – 560025, Tel: 080-69548770.

Date : 31-03-2024
Place : Bengaluru

BEFORE THE HON'BLE REAL ESTATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY KARANATAKA AT BANGALORE

COMPLAINT NO. CMP/21024/0007649

Between:
KRISHNA SHELTON APPARTMENT OWNERS CO-OP SOCIETY LTD. / COMPLAINENT
And:
KRISHNA ENTERPRISES PVT. LTD. Represented by Mr R.Anilkumar & Others Respondents

Notice is given to the public at large that, Krishna Shelton Apartment owners Co-op. Society Ltd., has approached Hon'ble RERA Authority with a complaint against Krishna Enterprises Pvt. Ld., represented by Mr R. Anilkumar and Others pertaining to incompletion of the project Krishna Shelton on the Scheduled property/Project despite the date of handover. Complainants have entered into sale agreement pertaining to the Residential Flats/ Commercial complex in the project Krishna Shelton being developed by KEPL represented by the Mr R.Anilkumar & others. The Builder is not appearing before the Hon'ble RERA despite repeated notices. Hence complaints are requesting the Hon'ble Authority to handover / the transfer of the project to their co-op. society namely Krishna Shelton Apartment owners co-op. Society Ltd., for completion.

Take notice that if all persons/entities having any claim against the scheduled property/project are required to approach the Hon'ble RERA in complaint no. CMP/210224/0007649 within 14 days from publication of this notice otherwise which the developers and land owner share in the scheduled property and the project shall be handed over to the Krishna Shelton Apartment Owners co-op Scoeity Ltd., without any reference to any claim or claims and source will be considered as waved and abandoned.

Details of the property Schedule : SCHEDULE A PROPERTY : All the piece and parcel of residentially converted lands measuring an extent of 1 (one) Acre, comprised in Sy. No. 153/1 of KattigenahalliVillage, Jal aHobli, Bangalore North Taluk, converted vide No. B.DIS.CAN. SR-4227/1969-70, dated: 11.03.1970 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and also sanctioned change of land use vide official Memorandum bearing No.ALN(NA)(J) CR-11/07-08, Dated : 24.10.2008, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and **bounded on the: East by :** Land of Sri Prakash L.Gangawani & Others (Sy. No. 153/1), **West by :** Remaining Land in Sy.No. 153/1 (Measuring 1.33 Guntas), **North by :** Land bearing Sy.No. 154, **South by :** Road.

SCHEDULE B PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of providentially converted lands measuring an extent of 1 (one) Acre, comprised in Sy. No. 153/1, of Kattigenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, converted vide No. B.DIS.CAN. SR-4227/1969-70, dated: 11.03.1970 issued by the Deputy commissioner, Bangalore District and also sanctioned change of land use vide official Memorandum bearing No.ALN(NA)(J)cr-11/07-08, Dated: 24.10.2008, issued by the Special Deputy commissioner, Bangalore District and **bounded on the : East by :** Land of Sri Prakash L.Gangawani & Others(Sy. No. 153/1), **West by :** Remaning Land in Sy.No. 153/1 (Measuring 1.33 Guntas), **North by :** Land bearing Sy. No. 154, **South by :** Road.

SCHEDULE C PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of residentially converted lands measuring an extent of 1 (one) Acre, comprised in Sy.No. 153/1 of Kattigenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, converted vide No.B.DIS.CAN.SR-4227/1969-70, dated : 11.03.1970 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and also sanctioned change of land use vide official Memorandum bearing No.ALN(NA)(J)CR-11/07-08, dated : 24.10.2008, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and **bounded on the : East by :** Land bearing Sy.No. 168, **West by :** Remaining portion of Sy.No. 153/1, **North by :** Sy.No.154, **South by :** Road.

SCHEDULE D PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of residentially converted lands measuring an extent of 1 (one) Acre 33 (thirty three) Guntas comprised in Sy.No. 153/1 of Kattigenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, converted vide No. B.DIS.CAN.SR-4227/1969-70, dated : 11.03.1970 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and also sanctioned change of land use vide official Memorandum bearing No, ALN(NA)(J)cr-11/07-08, dated : 24.10.2008, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner,Bangalore District, residentially converted lands measuring an extent of 1 (one) Acre, comprised in Sy.No.153/1 of Kattigenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, converted vide No.B.DIS.CAN. SR-4227/1969-70, dated : 11/03/1970 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and also sanctioned change of land use vide official Memorandum bearing No.ALN(NA)(J) CR-11/407-08, dated:24/10/2008, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District AND residentially converted lands measuring an extent of 1 (one) Acre, comprised inSy.No. 153/1 of Kattigenahalli Village, jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, converted vide No. B.DIS.CAN.SR-4227/1969-70, dated:11.03.1970 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and also sanctioned change of land use vide official Memorandum bearing No.ALN(NA)(J)CR-11/07-08, dated : 24.10.2008, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, totally measuring 3 Acres 33 guntas, BBMP Khata No 2/153/2 and **bounded on the : East by :** Land bearing Sy. No. 168, **West by :** Land bearing Sy. No. 153/2 (Measuring 4.00 acres), **North by :** Land bearing Sy. No. 154, **South by :** Road.

Given under my hand and seal of this authority on the **21st day of March 2024.**

By Order of the Authority
Registrar

Complainants at : Krishna Apartment Owners co-op. Society Ltd.,

Karnataka Bank Ltd.

Your Family Bank. Across India.

Asset Recovery Management Branch,
1st Floor, FKCCI Building,
Kempegowda Road,
Bengaluru-560009

Phone : 080-22955928 (Gen)/22955929 (CM)
E-Mail : blr.arm@ktkbank.com
Website : https://karnatakabank.com
CIN : L85110KA1924PLC001128

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of **KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED**, under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued the Demand Notices, details of which are mentioned hereunder, calling upon the borrowers/mortgagors/guarantors/co-obligants mentioned therein to repay the total amount mentioned in the demand notice along with future interest within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices.

1. Name of Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors/Co-obligants :– (1) Mr. Nagaraju S.B, S/o Basappa, **(2) Mrs. Manjula T.V,** W/o Nagaraju S.B, **Both are addressed at :** No.673, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, 1st A, B, C Main Road, West of Chord Road, Basaveshwarnagar, Bengaluru – 560079.

Branch Name: Bengaluru – Basaveshwarnagar **Date of Demand Notice: 29.12.2023**

Amount Demanded: Rs.49,09,572.83 [Rupees Forty Nine Lakhs Nine Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Two and Paisa Eighty Three Only] i.e Rs.24,88,556.00 under OD A/c No.1047000100156301 along with future interest from 01.12.2023 and Rs.24,21,016.83 under TL A/c No.1047001601594001 along with future interest from 21.12.2023.

Date of taking Possession: 28.03.2024

Balance outstanding as on the date of possession: Rs.48,09,700.83 [Rupees Forty Eight Lakhs Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Paisa Eighty Three Only] i.e Rs.24,63,915.00 under OD A/c No.1047000100156301 along with future interest from 01.03.2024 and Rs.23,45,785.83 under TL A/c No.1047001601594001 along with future interest from 21.03.2024, plus costs.

Description of the Immovable Property: Item No.1] All that part and parcel of the **BDA Site bearing No.276, measuring 640 Sq.ft** [East to West – 32.00 feet and North to South – 20.00 feet], with **Residential Building** constructed thereon, in the layout formed by the Bengaluru Development Authority situated at Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, 3rd Block, BBMP Ward No.73, Bengaluru, **belonging to Mr. Nagaraju S.B. Boundaries of property as per Document : East :** Site No.304, **West :** Road, **North :** Site No.275, **South :** Site No.277.

Item No.2] All that part and parcel of the immovable property bearing **Site No.305/A,** carved out of Sy.No.24/3 , **measuring 54 Sq.mtrs** [East to West – 9 mtrs, North to South – 6 mtrs] , situated at 19th Block , Challakere Village, Arkavathi Layout, Bengaluru, **belonging to Mr. Nagaraju S.B. Boundaries of property as per Document : East :** Property bearing Site No.301, **West :** Road, **North :** Property bearing Site No.306, **South :** Property bearing Site No.305.

2. Name of Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors/Co-obligants : (1) Mrs. Chandramma, W/o Mr. Subramani K N, **(2) Mr. Subramani K N,** S/o Late Narayanappa Bidappa, **(3) Mr. K S Vinay Rakesh,** S/o Subramani K N, **(4) Ms. Hemavathi K S,** D/o Subramani K N and **(5) Ms. K S Arundathi,** D/o Subrmmani K N, **All are addressed at :** No.40/1, Kyalasanahalli, Hennur Main Road, Behind Yashas Farm, Kothanur Post, Bengaluru-560077.

Branch Name: Bengaluru – Banaswadi **Date of Demand Notice: 13.10.2023**

Amount Demanded: Rs. 2,08,05,995.03 [Rupees Two Crore Eight Lakh Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Five and Paisa Three Only] i.e Rs.1,18,83,168.10 under PSTL A/c No. 1267001800053001 along with future interest from 06.06.2023, Rs. 28,69,892.93 under PSTL A/c No. 1267001800053701 along with future interest from 09.03.2023, Rs. 60,52,934.00 under PSTL A/c No. 1267001800054501 along with future interest from 22.05.2023

Date of taking Possession: 28.03.2024

Balance outstanding as on the date of possession: of Rs. 2,05,85,084.03 [Rupees Two Crore Five Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Eighty Four and Paisa Three Only] i.e Rs.1,13,13,126.10 under PSTL A/c No. 1267001800053001 along with future interest from 06.06.2023, Rs. 32,19,023.93 under PSTL A/c No. 1267001800053701 along with future interest from 09.03.2024, Rs. 60,52,934.00 under PSTL A/c No. 1267001800054501 along with future interest from 22.05.2023 plus costs.

Description of the Immovable Property : All that part and parcel of the Residential Property bearing **Site No. 29,** Khata No. 177, (old K. Narayanapura Gram Panchayath Khata No.445/29/177), **measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 42 feet, totally measuring 1260 sqft.,** carved out of the land in Sy. No.2/1 of Kyalasanahalli Village presently with BBMP limit, with residential building constructed thereon, situated at 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Kyalasanahalli Village, Kothanur Post, K.R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru -560077 **belonging to Mrs. Chandramma. Boundaries of property as per Deed/Actual East by :** Site No.30/ No.30, 3 floor residential building; **West by :** Site No.28/ 3 floor residential building; **North by :** 25 feet Road/Road; **South by :** Private Property/Residential building.

The borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors/ co-obligants having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors/ co-obligants and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties, as described herein above, in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **28.03.2024**

The borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors/ co-obligants in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned herein above and any dealings with the said properties will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Ltd.,** for amounts as described herein above.

[The attention of the borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors co-obligants is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]

Place: Bengaluru
Date : 28.03.2024

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
For Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

H.O, No.2, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560018.
Phone 26677552, 26679041

POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

[APPENDIX IV (RULE 8(1)]

Where as the undersigned being the authorised officer of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstructionof Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules. at The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers in the following accounts having failed to repay the amount, notice is here by given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described here in bellow in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said rules on the dates mentioned herein below. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is/are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited for amount and interest on & other charges.

Date of Possession: 27.03.2024

Name of the Borrower/Surety & Description of the Property Mortgaged	Amount outstanding
Applicant: Smt Nirmala W/o Sri N.Srinivas **Surety: Sri S.Nagaraj, S/o late Subbanna** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.52, (old No.2B) situated at Swasthi Main Road, Shanthinagar, Ward No.70, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 30 ft and North to South : 33 ft., totally measuring 990 sq.ft., and bounded on East by: Property belonging to Sri.Ramachandrappa, West by: Property belonging to Rakeshlal, North by: Property belonging to Smt.Lakkamma & South By: Road.	**15,50,740/- + Int. thereon 27.03.2024**

EARLIER POSSESSION NOTICE DATE:16.05.2017 STANDS WITHDRAWN

Amount paid if any by any of the above borrowers after issuance of Possession Notice, would be reckoned for ascertaining the dues payable at the time of realisation / settlement.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 27.03.2024

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,
Bangalore -18

SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA

Retail Assets Central Processing Centre-1,
13/1, Bull Temple Road, Opp. Ramakrishna Ashram, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004
Ph.No: **080-25943338, 25943336 & 25943337** | Fax No:080- 25943367-25943147 | Email ID: mgrracpc.zoban@sbi.co.in

BORROWER: 1).Mr. Aravindhan G.R S/o Govindan .R #829, A3 Block Palm Groves Apt. Surya Nagar Teachers Colony, Near Marasur Village, Chandapura Electronic City, Bangalore – 562106. Also at : **1). Mr. Aravindhan G.R,** S/o Govindan .R, #161 A Kambar Street, Vallalar Nagar, Gudiyatham Thalukka, Kondasamudram, Gudiyattam, Vellore Tamil Nadu – 632602, **2). Mr. Aravindhan G.R,** S/o Govindan .R, Kambar Street, 30/160, Arunachala Nagar, Kondasamudram, Gudiyattam– 632602. **3). Mr. Aravindhan G.R** S/o Govindan .R, Plot No.110 A & B, Hosur Road,Electronic City Cyient Ltd. SL – Mechanical & Ind. Eng. Technical Writer, Bangalore - 560100, **4). Mr. Aravindhan G.R** S/o Govindan .R, Apartment No.B-714 B- Block, 7th Floor, Palm Groves, B- Block,Marasur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Chandapura, Suryanagar Bangalore-562106.

DEMAND NOTICE TO THE BORROWER

A/c No.: SBI/RACPC/BASAVANAGUDI/SRA/HL/40863080419 **Date: 21.03.2024**

SUB: NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED "ACT")

Dear Sir/Madam

At your request, you have been granted by the Bank, through its State Bank of India, Tippu Sultan Palace Road Chamarajpet Branch Bengaluru, from time to time, various credit facilities by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favor of the Bank. The relevant particulars of the said credit facilities and the security agreement(s)/document(s) executed by you are stated in Schedule "I" and Schedule "II" respectively excluding pledge of movables. You have availed the financial assistance with an undertaking for repayment of the said financial assistance in terms of the said agreement(s)/document(s). The account has been transferred from the said branch to Retail Assets Central Processing Centre-1, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru for administrative reasons and hence the undersigned is competent to issue the notice.

1. You have also created mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds/registered mortgages creating security interest in favor of the Bank. The documents relating to such mortgage are also stated in Schedule "II".
2. The relevant particulars of the secured assets are specifically stated in Schedule 'A,B,C'.
3. You have also acknowledged subsistence of the liability in respect of the aforesaid credit facilities by executing confirmation of balances and revival letters and other documents from time to time. The operation of and conduct of the above said financial assistance/credit facilities have become irregular and the debt has been classified as non-performing asset as on 18/03/2024in accordance with the directives/guidelines relating to asset classifications issued by RBI consequent to the default committed by you in repayment of principal debt and interest thereon.
Despite repeated requests, you have failed and neglected to repay the said dues / outstanding liabilities.
4. Therefore, the Bank hereby calls upon you under section 13 (2) of the said Act by issuing this notice to discharge in full your liabilities stated hereunder to the Bank within 60 days from the date of this notice. Your outstanding liabilities (in aggregate) due and owing to the Bank is in the sum of Rs. 26,51,692/-(Twenty Six Lakh Fifty One Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Two Only) as on 20-03-2024 plus interest. You are also liable to pay future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc.
5. If you fail to repay to the Bank the aforesaid sum of Rs. 26,51,692/- (Twenty Six Lakh Fifty One Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Two Only) as on 20-03-2024 with further interest and incidental expenses, costs, as stated above in terms of this notice under section 13 (2) of the Act, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sub Section (4) of Section 13 and under other applicable provisions of the said Act.
6. You are also put on notice that in terms of Sub Section 13 of Section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease, or otherwise the said secured assets detailed in Schedule 'A,B,C' of this notice without obtaining written consent of the Bank.
7. The Bank reserves its rights to call upon you to repay the liabilities that may arise under the outstanding Bills Discounted, Bank Guarantees and Letter of Credit issued and established on your behalf as well as other contingent liabilities.
8. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings as it deems necessary under any other applicable Provisions of Law.
9. Attention of the borrower is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section13 of the Act, in respect of time available to the borrower, to redeem the secured assets. Accordingly, if the entire dues of the Bank, mentioned in Schedule together with cost, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is paid on or before the date of Publication of auction / sale notice in newspapers, then, no further action would be initiated.

SCHEDULE I

Sl.No	Nature Facility	Account Number	Outstanding as on 06.06.2023 (inclusive of interest) (Rs)
1	Home Loan	40863080419	Rs.26,51,692/-

SCHEDULE II
(Details of Security Documents including all supplementary documents & Documents evidencing creation of mortgage)

Sl.No	Name of the Document	Date of Execution	Amount Secured (Rs.)
1	Application	12/03/2022	26,10,000/-
2	Loan Agreement	18/03/2022	26,10,000/-
3	Arrangement Letter	17/03/2022	26,10,000/-
4	Memorandum of Loan agreement for Home Loan Granted to Public	18/03/2022	26,10,000/-
5	Affidavit	18/03/2022	26,10,000/-
6	Deed of Undertaking	18/03/2022	26,10,000/-
7	Memorandum Relating to Deposit of Title Deeds Doc. bearing No. ANK–1-10528-2021-22	19/03/2022	26,10,000/-
8	Sale Deed document bearing No. ANK-1-03314-2021-22	01/09/2021	---

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES
(Description of the Whole Property)

All at piece and parcel of the converted land properties bearing Sy.No.315, measuring Three (3)Acres Twelve (12) Guntas, Sy. No.316, measuring One (1) Acre and Thirty Five (35) Guntas and Sy No. 317,measuring Two (2) Acre and Eleven (11) Guntas, totally measuring Seven (7) Acres Eighteen (18) guntas situated at Marasur Village Kasaba Hobli Anekal Taluk, which is Bounded on: East by: By road thereafter, private property in Sy.No.310., West by: Nala, North by: Private Property, Sy. No.311, South by: Private Property, Sy No. 318

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the converted land property bearing Sy.No.316, totally measuring One (1) Acre and Thirty Five (35) Guntas, situated at Marasur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, converted for non-agricultural residential purpose vide Order of the Special Deputy Commissioner vide conversion order nos. ALN/SR(A)563/2004-05, dated 11.10.2005, ALN(K&A) SR14/2010-11, dated 4/07/2010, ALN(K&A) SR15/2010-11, dated14/07/2010ALN/SR(A) 13/2005-06, dated 27.04.2005, ALN/SR(A) 12/2005-06, dated 27.04.2005 and ALN/SR(A) (K&A)SR 201/2005-06, dated 29.11.2007 which is bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Nala, North by:Sy.No.315, South by : Private Property,

SCHEDULE `B' PROPERTY

An undivided share right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property in proportion to the Schedule C Apartment equivalent to about 27.40 Square Meter area of undivided right.

SCHEDULE 'C' APARTMENT

A Three Bedroom unfurnished apartment No. B-714 in B-Block Flat on 7th Floor, measuring Super Built Area of 101.85 Square Meter and Carpet area of 73.6 Square Meter bearing E-KhataNumbe15200101800423010 in the building "PALM GROVES"being constructed on the Schedule-A Property with the floors, ceiling and walls between units jointly belonging to such Apartment Owner equally, including common area. The construction is of Vitrified Flooring in Living, Dining, Bedrooms, Kitchen &Balcony, separate Electricity, Common Water, including common area rights along with One Covered Car Parking area of 9.75 Square Meter and bounded by : East by: Open to Sky, West by: Corridor& B-713, North by: Open to Sky & B-710, South by: Open to Sky & B-718

WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENITIES: Landscaped garden with compound wall. Clubhouse with Gymnasium, Two Swimming pools. Multipurpose hall Open Badminton court, Table Tennis, Indoor games, Half Basketball Court, Children's play area, amphitheater & Jogging track, Lifts, Power back up for common Area, STP/WTP, Rain Water Harvesting.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 21.03.2024

Sd/-
SBI, RACPC, BASAVANAGUDI

Heavy clashes, more deadly aid chaos in war-torn Gaza

WAR WATCH
ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 174

GAZA TOLL SO FAR
32,705

- Four United Nations military observers were wounded on Saturday while patrolling the southern Lebanese border after a shell exploded near them, the U.N. peacekeeping mission in Lebanon said
- The United States has welcomed the formation of a new Palestinian autonomy government, signaling it is accepting the revised Cabinet lineup as a step toward Palestinian political reform. The Biden administration has called for 'revitalizing' the West Bank-based Palestinian Authority in hopes that it can administer the Gaza Strip once Israel-Hamas war ends

Palestinian women arranging kitchen utensils to dry atop a destroyed car at a makeshift camp for displaced people in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip on Saturday | AFP

GAZA

HEAVY clashes and explosions shook Gaza, witnesses said on Saturday, as the Red Crescent reported several people killed during the latest chaotic aid distribution in the territory's north, where famine looms. Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu approved a new round of talks on a Gaza truce between Israel and Hamas militants, after a binding UN Security Council resolution last Monday demanded an "immediate ceasefire". A subsequent ruling by the world's top court ordered Israel to ensure aid reaches desperate civilians.

Fighting has not eased -- including around the territory's largest hospital -- and the latest toll from the health ministry in the Hamas-run Gaza Strip said at least 82 more people were killed in the previous 24 hours.

The Hamas press office reported more than 50 Israeli air strikes over the past day, with "civilian houses" targeted across the coastal territory, as well as tank fire in the Gaza City area and southern Gaza. Israel's military on Saturday said it had struck dozens of targets, including militants and their compounds in central and northern Gaza. Video released by the Palestinian Civil Defence agency on Friday showed a vehicle splayed open after a strike on a street in Gaza City. Men carried two wrapped bodies to an ambulance, while others recovered items from the exposed interior of the vehicle and put them into a bag.

The war began with Hamas's October 7 attack that resulted in about 1,160 deaths in Israel, mostly civilians, according to an AFP tally of Israeli official figures. Israel's retaliatory campaign against Hamas has killed at least 32,705 people, mostly women and children, according to the health ministry. Netanyahu's office said new talks on a Gaza ceasefire and hostage release will take place in Doha and Cairo "in the coming days... with guidelines for moving forward in the negotiations". Talks had appeared deadlocked despite a major push by the United States – which provides billions of dollars in military aid to Israel -- and fellow mediators Egypt and Qatar to secure a truce for the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, now more than halfway through. In its ruling, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague said it had accepted South Africa's argument that the further deterioration of the humanitarian situation in Gaza required Israel to do more, with famine now "setting in." More evidence of the desperation in Gaza came on Saturday. AFP

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

I, HANIYA SHAKEEL, D/o Shakeel Sait, aged about 22 years, residing at No.323, 4th D Cross, HRBR Layout, 3rd Block, Opp. Jalvayu Vihar, Bangalore North, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043, I have completed my 10th Standard from St. Francis Xavier Girls High School, Bengaluru vide Unique ID No. 6670500 year of passing 2018, have lost my original 10th Standard (ICSE) Marks card and Transfer certificate, I have lodged the complaint through online lost report No.0994930/2024 dated: 29/03/2024 sworn before Notary K. Venkateshan, Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that **Sri. Chittaranjan .S**, residing at no.61/12, Pooja Homes, Flat no.G-2, 1 st Main, Rajeev Nagar, Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore-560 070 is the owner of the Schedule Property described infra.

It is noticed that original rectification deed dated 25.03.2015 (doc.no.11152/2014-15) and original rectification deed dated 25.03.2015 (doc no.8044/2014-15) pertaining to the Schedule Property are lost / misplaced. In this connection, an E-Complaint has been lodged on 30.03.2024 at Bangalore City Police Station, Bangalore, bearing Serial no.996384.

The finder of the said document is requested to surrender the original rectification deed/s to the undersigned **within 15 days** from this day, failing which, it shall be deemed that the rectification deed/s are irretrievably lost and certified copy of the same shall be obtained from the office of Sub-registrar of Assurances in lieu of lost originals for the purpose of records.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing no.211/3, Block no.2, 14 th Main Road, Banashankari 1st Stage, Extension, Bangalore, measuring East to West : 45 ft., and North to South : 30 ft., in all measuring 1350 Sq. ft., and bounded as follows: On the **East by** : Site no.244, **West by** : Road, **North by** : Site no.210, **South by** : Site no.212.

R. RAJALAKSHMI, Advocate
No.520, III Floor, Prabhat Complex,
K.G Road, Bangalore-560 009.
Ph - 41247862 & 41224958
Date : 30.03.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Mr. Srinivas. N** intends to purchase the immovable property mentioned and described in the Schedule hereunder from its owner Smt. Sunanda w/o Shri. D. Kenchanna. The owner represents and warrants that she is the absolute owner of the Schedule property having good marketable right, title and interest therein and apart from her, there are no other person/s having any right or claim over Schedule property. The Schedule Property is purchased by Smt. Sunanda from Shri. S. A. Narayan being represented by POA Holder Shri. S. Prabhakar (Notarized General Power of Attorney dt:05-08-2008 executed by S. A. Narayan in favour of S. Prabhakar), through registered Sale deed dated 05-09-2012, vide document No. JAL-1-02454-2012-13 of Book I, stored in CD No. JALD144, in the office of Sub-Registrar, Jala, Bengaluru. The owner further represents that she has not entered into any Agreements/MOU with any Person/s and that the owner has not mortgaged, created any right, interest lien or encumbered the Schedule Property in any manner to any Person/s. Any Person/s having Objections or Claims shall with documentary evidence lodge their objections or claims within 7 (Seven) days from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, my client shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction.

SCHEDULE : All that piece and parcel of property bearing **Site No. 4,** Assessment No. 6, New BBMP Khatha No. 06/04, BBMP 'B' Register Serial No. 136, situated at Ananthapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 1200 Square feet and bounded on : East by: Site No. 5, West by: Site No. 3, North by: 30 feet Road, South by: Private Property.

Naveen Kumar. G, Advocate,
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
For Prequalification and Selection of Architect

Name of Work: Selection of Architect for Construction of Proposed Commercial cum Residential Building consisting of Basement, Ground, First, Second and Third Floor at HRBR, Bangalore. **Estimated Cost: Rs.291 Lakh. Application Fee: Rs.1000/- to be paid by Way of NEFT A/c. E-Tender:** The tender has to be submitted through e-tendering portal. For further details refer **https://iobtenders.auctiontiger.net/EPROC/** and banks website **www.iob.in/tender.aspx.** Last Date (submission): 15/04/2024 @ 14:30 Hrs

For further details/ amendments please visit our web-site **www.iob.in**

Date: 30.03.2024
Sd/- Chief Regional Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that, our client intend to PURCHASE the immovable property more fully described in the schedule property hereunder from present owner i.e., M/s. LAKENT BUILDER AND DEVELOPERS PVT LTD., (formerly known as M/s. Lakent Builders and Developers, earlier known as M/s. Lakshmi Enterprises) Having its corporate office at No. 14, 1 st Floor, Krishna Complex, SBI Road, Off St. Mark's Road, Bangalore-560001. Represented by its Directors and Authorized Signatory 1. Sri. G. Prasad Reddy, and 2. Smt. K.M. Lakshmi.

Any person, any Company, any financial institutions having any sort of claim / rights / interest /charge on the below said property or any objections for the said sale of the property may file their objections in writing along with supporting documents, addressed to the undersigned **within 7 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, it shall be construed that there are no claims of any sort over the below said property and our client shall be advised to proceed with the proposed transaction. Any claims thereafter shall not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the **Residential Vacant SITE No. 307, Measuring East to West 35.05 Meters, and North to South 26.41 Meters, in totally measuring 925.67Sq Meters,** Carved out of land bearing **Sy No. 5,** Situated at **Srinivagilu Amanikere Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore,** in the layout known as **The Shanthinagar House Building Co- Operative Society Limited,** the layout approved by the Bangalore Development authority, bounded on the: **East by** : Site No. 310, **West by** : Road, **North by** : Site No. 308, **South by** : Site No. 306.

Sd/- **BASAVARAJU .M.B,** Advocate
No.19/1-A, 14th 'B' Cross, 2nd 'A' Main, 6th Sector, HSR Layout,
Bangalore-560102. Mob: 91 9844141191
E-mail: basavarajlaw@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take Notice that, my client **Sri. ANAND ANANTHAPADMA NABHA MUKUNDA,** S/o. Ananthapadma Nabha Setty, R/o No.1603, Rosemount CHS Ltd., Rodas Enclave, Opp: TCS, Hiranandani Estate, Thane, Maharashtra 400 607 has entered into Agreement for Sale to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner **Smt. Y. Vimala alias Y. S. Vimalamma,** W/o. Y. Surendra Gupta, Residing at No. 39/C, Subashchandra Bose Road, Bendrenagar, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru – 560 070.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of **residential property No. 4,** V. P. Khatha No. 295, Assessment No.11, New Corporation No. 63/1, Old No. 63, situated at **KADIRENAHALLI VILLAGE,** Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, now this property comes within the limits of Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, measuring **East to West: 40-0 Feet and North to South: 30-0 Feet, In all Measuring 1200 Square Feet,** together house of 6 squares RCC roofed mosaic flooring, doors and windows are made out of honne wood doors and steel grill windows in the ground floor and 6 squares ACC Sheet roofed house in the First Floor, together 12 squares of building with electricity, water and sanitary facilities and bounded on:

East by: Muniraju's Property, **West by:** Road,
North by: Kadirappa's Property and
South by: Vasantharam Rajbhai Kanani & Vasanthakumar Katariya's Property.

In view of the above, my client hereby give a notice to the public at large or any of the legal heirs of the previous Vendors of my Vendor if any and calls upon all or any person/s to who have any right title, interest in the "said property" prejudicial to the interest of the "other party" and claim, dispute, petition, appeal or other like proceedings or obtained any decree, award or other such orders concerning the subject matter of the "said property" or who intend to file any such proceedings as described above for enforcing his/their right in the "said property", to submit all their objections and claims in writing along with supportive documentary proofs thereof, to the undersigned ***within a period of 15 (Fifteen) Days*** of the date of publication of this notice, failing which my client will presume that no adverse claims or objections concerning the "said property" exist or if they do exit, that stand waived hereinafter and proceed to complete the transaction with the owner.

Sd/-
B. Venkata Reddy, Advocate,
CA Site No.8, Chamber No. 2,18th Main, Padmanabhanagar, Bengaluru – 560 070.
Mob: 9448323946 / 9743221221
kshamareddyadvocate@gmail.com
Date: 30.03.2024 Place: Bengaluru

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NO/REV/ELECTION/5/2024/E-148257 **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30.03.2024**

Press Note

Tender has been invited by authorized agencies through e-Procurement Portal:http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/ https:/kppp.karnataka.gov.in Portal for supply of Food/Catering Service at the office of the Deputy Commissioner and Offices of the Thasildars of all the Talukas during the Loksabha Election 2024 on 28.03.2024. You may visit Portal:http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/ https:/kppp.karnataka.gov.in for any queries and information. The details are given below.

(1) Tender Document Number: **NO/REV/ELECTION/5/ 2024/E-148257 (2)** Tender Reference: RD/2023-24/SE0276 **(3)** Commencement of issue of Bid document through E-Procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka: **28.03.2024 (4)** Last date and time for uploading of tender in e-Procurement platform: **05.04.2024, 05:00 PM (5)** Time and date of opening of Technical Bid : **06.04.2024, 05:30 PM (6)** Time and date of opening of Financial Bid**: 08.04.2024, 11:00 AM (7)** Approximate Value of Tender: **Rs.73,29,750/- (8)** EMD Amount : **Rs.1,46,595/- (9)** Contact Person for queries: Election Thasildar, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal District, Koppal. **Mob - 8152099968**
e-Mail:deo.koppal@gmail.com **(10)** Place of Opening of Tenders and Address for communication: **Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal District, Koppal.**

Sd/- Addl. Deputy Commissioner &
Addl. District Election Officer, Koppal

DIPR/Koppal/563/
2023-24/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed and notified that my clients intend to enter into a joint development agreement for the development of the agricultural property detailed in the Schedule below (**"Schedule Property"**). Any person/s company, firm, institution, or organization having any manner of right, title, claim, tenancy, mortgage, charge, lien or any other interest of whatsoever nature in respect of the Schedule Property, may file their objections, with documentary proof, to the undersigned, ***within 14 (fourteen) days*** from the date of publication of this notice.

If no objections are received within the said period, it shall be deemed that none else have any right, title, claim, tenancy, mortgage, charge, lien or any other interest of whatsoever nature in respect of the Schedule Property, and my clients will proceed to complete the proposed transaction proceeding on the basis that the below-mentioned person/s is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE

Sl. No.	Owner	Taluk	Hobli	Village	Survey No.	Extent Acre	Extent Gutas
1	Mr. Narayana swamy . C	Doddaballapura	Doddabelavangala	Kugonahalli	72/1	08	02
2		Doddaballapura	Doddabelavangala	Kugonahalli	72/3	06	00
3		Doddaballapura	Doddabelavangala	Kugonahalli	76/5	00	20
4		Doddaballapura	Doddabelavangala	Kugonahalli	77/4	00	33.8
5		Doddaballapura	Doddabelavangala	Kugonahalli	78/5	01	15
6		Doddaballapura	Doddabelavangala	Kugonahalli	78/7B	01	02
7		Doddaballapura	Doddabelavangala	Kugonahalli	78/8A	01	04
8		Doddaballapura	Doddabelavangala	Kugonahalli	78/12	00	39
9		Doddaballapura	Doddabelavangala	Kugonahalli	79/15	01	09
10		Doddaballapura	Doddabelavangala	Kugonahalli	79/19	0	26.8
11		Doddaballapura	Doddabelavangala	Kugonahalli	75/2	00	15
12		Doddaballapura	Doddabelavangala	Kugonahalli	175	0	30
13	Mr. Akarsh	Doddaballapura	Doddabelavangala	Kugonahalli	76/1	00	09
14		Doddaballapura	Doddabelavangala	Kugonahalli	76/2	02	21
15		Doddaballapura	Doddabelavangala	Kugonahalli	78/6	00	14
16		Doddaballapura	Doddabelavangala	Kugonahalli	78/7A	00	20
17		Doddaballapura	Doddabelavangala	Kugonahalli	78/8B	00	13
18		Doddaballapura	Doddabelavangala	Kugonahalli	78/10	00	13
19		Doddaballapura	Doddabelavangala	Kugonahalli	78/11	00	13
20		Doddaballapura	Doddabelavangala	Kugonahalli	173	0	20
21	Mrs. Rakshith	Doddaballapura	Doddabelavangala	Kugonahalli	76/4	01	20
22	Mr. Chandra Shekar	Doddaballapura	Doddabelavangala	Kugonahalli	76/6	01	00
23		Doddaballapura	Doddabelavangala	Kugonahalli	165	01	04
24	Mrs. Nagarathna	Doddaballapura	Doddabelavangala	Kugonahalli	79/2	01	10

Gavin Ponnanna K.B, Advocate,
No. 183, 1st Floor, Sri Venkateshwara Nilaya, 4th Cross,
Opp to Hegde Medicals, Mangammanapalya, Bengaluru - 560068.
Mob: 87621 05318, E-Mail: gavinkokkanda@gamil.com
Place: Bengaluru Date:30.03.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its owner **SMT.S.CHANDRIKA** W/o late Upendra Rao P V. residing at: No.T4, 'Hayagriva Apartments', Dattatreya Temple Road, Near BMS College of Engg, N.R.Colony, Bengaluru – 560019.

Apart from the said owner, if any other person/s have any manner of claim or interest or demand over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby requested to file their objection/s (along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying), with the undersigned within **10 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.126/1, PID No.49-58-126/1, measuring East to West 23ft and North to South 27ft, together with a building thereon, situated at Govindappa Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore and bounded on:

East By : Common passage
West By : property of Venkataramanappa
North By : Property of H.S.Gayatri
South By : Property of Nagamal

Sd/- S.F. GOUTAM CHAND
Advocate
GOUTAM ASSOCIATES
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.

Odisha State Health & Family Welfare Society

Deptt. Of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Odisha
Annexure Building of SIH & FW, Nayapalli,
Unit-8, Bhubaneswar-751012
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Advt. No: 15/24

CLARIFICATION/CORRIGENDUM

TO THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF INTEGRATED PATIENT TRANSPORT i.e. EMERGECNY MEDICAL AMBULANCE SERVICE (108), BOAT AMBULANCE, 24 x 7 REFERRAL MEDICAL TRANSPORT SERVICE (JANANI EXPRESS) AND HEALTH HELPLINE SERVICE (104), "IPTHHS, Ph-II" IN ODISHA

With reference to the advertisement published on RFP Reference No. OSH&FWS/01/2024/IPTHHS-II published in the "The Indian Express", "The New Indian Express" , "The Times of India" , "Prameya" and "Dharitri" on 30.01.2024, and subsequent to queries raised in the pre-bid conference held on 6th February,2024, this Clarification/Corrigendum is being issued to the "Request for Proposal" for **Operation and Management of INTEGRATED PATIENT TRANSPORT AND HEALTH HELPLINE SERVICE, "IPTHHS, Ph-II" IN ODISHA(30 Districts)** . The details of the Amendments to the RFP Provision/ clarification to the queries submitted , can be downloaded from the official website https://nhmodisha.gov.in and https://health.odisha.gov.in . Further, the last date for submission of complete bid documents is hereby extended to 29th April 2024 ,3 P.M. All other terms and conditions in the RFP (except corrigendum) and advertisement published on 30.01.2024 shall remain unchanged.

Sd/- Mission Director
OIPR-10084/11/0063/2324 **National Health Mission, Odisha**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The notice is hereby given to the Public that **Sri. Mr. Somashekhara Reddy. G.M.,** has lost original Sale Agreement While travelling from Majestic to Chikabanavara, Bangalore, on 12.3.2024 and our client Sri.Mr. Sadasivam. A., is intending to purchase and mortgage the schedule property and avail loan from **PIRAMAL CAPITAL AND HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED.**
If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank as any claim over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within seven days from today, along with relevant documents, failing which it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my client and would not be considered by my client.Schedule Property: All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No. 33, Assessment no. 193/2, Khatha No. 51, situated at Chikkabanavara Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 25ft., and North to South 28ft., in all measuring 700sq.ft., and bounded by **East:** Site No. 24, **West:** Road, **North:** Site No.34, **South:** Remaining Southern portion of same Site no. 33.

ANURADHA. D. Advocate
No. 48, 1st Floor, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, T. Dasarahalli, Bangalore.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. SWRMYSMEDLPIREPS202324A

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work.

Name of Work	Appx. Value
Inviting open IREPS tender for entering into rate contract with firms/distributors/chemist shops for supply of all the types of medicines on day today basis for emergency local purchase to medical stores of railway hospital, Mysuru round the clock (24 x7) for a period of two years from the date of commencement of the work.	Rs. 43,50,000/-

Last date for submission of bids:
Up to 16:00 hrs. of 10.04.2024
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Chief Medical Superintendent / Mysuru
PUB/780/AAV/PRB/SWR/2023-24
South Western Railway-SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public / Whomsoever it may concern that my client **Sri. P BHASKAR** resident of Bangalore. Intend/Propose to purchase the schedule property belonging to Smt. SIVAKAMI R V Iyer wife of Sri. R.V. Iyer residing at Brindavan No.90, 3rd Cross, Sri Venkateshwara Krupa Layout (S.V.K Layout), West of Chord Road, Bangalore-560079. She represents that she is the absolute owner and having clear and marketable title to the Schedule Property. Any Persons, Firm, Institution Including Financial Institution claiming to have any right/ title/ interest /claims or enforceable right in the Schedule Property either as the owner or in any other manner of objection for such alienation may lodge their objections with documentary proof **within 7 days** from the date of publication of this notice, with the undersigned, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims and objections subsist and thereafter my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction with owner referred above.

-: SCHEDULE PROPERTY: -

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property, residential vacant Site No.260, bearing Property ID No. 6000024286, measuring East to West: 9 mts, North to South: 12 mts, total land measuring 108.00 mts, situated at 1st BLOCK ANJANAPURA, BDA Layout, Uttara Halli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, comes under the limits of BDA/BBMP & bounded by: -
East by: Site No.261 **West by:**Site No.259
North by: Site No.275 **South by:**Road

SAIPRAKASH B, ADVOCATE
BNB Associates
#64/1, 1st Floor, 8th B Main Road, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru – 560011
Email: saiprakashbhaskar9@gmail.com, Phone: 9620787733

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, **1. Mrs. Amudhavalli V,** D/o G.Kannan. **2. Mrs. Pushpa,** D/o G. Kannan. **3. Mrs.Vijayalakshmi,** W/o, Shivashankaran, **4. Mr. Raghupathi** S/o Late Shivashankaran. **5. Mrs. Valrmathi,** D/o Late Shivashankaran, W/o Babu, **6. Mrs. Dhana lakshmi,** D/o, Shivashankaran, **7.Mrs. Indrani,** W/o Late K. Krishnakumar, **7. Mr. K.Jeeva,** S/o Late K.Krishnakumar, are the absolute owners of the property described in the Schedule hereunder.

It is brought to the notice of the general public that, our clients have negotiated and decided to purchase the Schedule Property from the above said owners/attorney. All persons having any claim against or to the Schedule Property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, conveyance, MOU, Agreement to Sell, G.P.A, transfer, lease deed, tenancy, license, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, exchange, possession, adverse possession or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to submit the same in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned at their office **within 15 days from the date of publication hereof,** failing which our client shall proceed without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the Property Bearing Site No.273/B, PID No.74-8-273/B, situated at 6th Main Road, 5th D Cross, HAL III stage, Extension, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 59 feet, and North to South 18ft in all measuring 1062 sq. feet, and bounded on: **East By** : Road, **West By** : Site No.270/B, **North By** : Site No.273/A, **South By** : Site No.272.

Dated this 31st day of march 2024 at Bangalore

CHENNAKESHAVA B.S.
AT H & C Law Chambers,
No.64/1, new No.67, 5th Floor, Building No.39/1, ASVNV Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore 560009
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Bank of Baroda

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Bank of Baroda
(A Government of India undertaking)

Basaveshwaranagar Branch
No 4119/18, 80 Feet Road,
Basaveshwarannagar, Bengaluru- 560 079
Tel: 080-23201561, E-mail: VJBASA@bankofbaroda.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8(1)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, Basaveshwaranagar Branch, Bangalore under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sec.13(2) read with Rule-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 27.12.2023 calling upon the **1) Sri Ganesh K,** S/o Late Keshavan, No 22, 7th Cross, Near Anjanadri Layout, Byraveshwaranagar, Bangalore - 560015. **2) Smt Anusuya G,** W/o Ganesh K, No 22, 7th Cross, Near Anjanadri Layout, Byraveshwaranagar, Bangalore - 560015 **(Borrowers). 3) Sri Sagar J,** No 148, AYR Layout, Sapthagiri College Link Road, Shettihally, Bangalore – 560015 **(Guarantor). 4) M/s AGN Door Solutions, Prop: Smt Anusuya G,** No 203, 2/1B, Shed No 7, R K Reddy Industrial Estate, Vidhyaranyapura, Bangalore – 560097 **(Borrower). 5) Smt Anusuya G, W/o** Ganesh K (Proprietor), No 22, 7th Cross, Near Anjanadri Layout, Byraveshwaranagar, Bangalore – 560015. **6) Sri Ganesh K,** S/o Late Keshavan, No 22, 7th Cross, Near Anjanadri Layout, Byraveshwaranagar, Bangalore – 560015 **(Guarantor)** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being under of **Rs 1,14,94,970.77** (Rupees One Crore Fourteen Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy and Paise Seventy Seven Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor of the property having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/Guarantor/Owner of the property in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **28th day of March of the year 2024**.

The borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda for an amount of **Rs 1,14,94,970.77** (Rupees One Crore Fourteen Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy and Paise Seventy Seven Only) plus interest thereon along with cost.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Property No 1: Item No 1: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing municipal corporation No 2164/84/1 being the western portion of the residentially converted land bearing Sy No 84/1, situated at Rachenahalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk measuring 2 Acres 00 ½ Gunta of land (excluding kharab land) converted vide order of the Deputy Commissioner bearing No B.DIS.ALN (EAST) S.R (K R Puram Hobli)/68/2008-09, dated 17.12.2008 passed by the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District, Bangalore and bounded on:North by: Government Land, East by Land bearing Sy No 84/1, South by: Land bearing Sy No 83, West by: Land bearing Sy No 81

Item No 2: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing municipal corporation No 37/1/84/1 and 2165/84/1 being a undeveloped residentially converted land out of Sy No 84/1, situated at Rachenahalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk measuring 3 Acres 12 Guntas of land (excluding kharab land) converted vide order of the Deputy Commissioner bearing No B.DIS.ALN (EAST)S.R (K R Puram Hobli)/68/2008-09, dated 17.12.2008 and B.DIS.ALN (EAST)S.R (K R Puram Hobli)/69/2008-09, dated 20.12.2008 passed by the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District, Bangalore and bounded on the: North by: Government Land, East by: Land bearing Sy No 84/2, South by: Land bearing Sy No 83, West by: Land owned by Sri A T Babu Rao

Item No 3 (Composite Amalgamated Property) : Schedule 'A' Property: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing municipal corporation No 37/1/84/1 being a undeveloped residentially converted land out of Sy No 84/1, situated at Rachenahalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore in all measuring 5 Acres 12 ½ Guntas or 2,31,412 square feet (excluding kharab land) converted vide order of the Deputy Commissioner bearing No B.DIS.ALN (EAST)S.R (KRAHO)/ 68/ 2008-09, dated 17.12.2008 and B.DIS.ALN (EAST) S.R (KRHO)/ 69/ 2008-09, dated 20.12.2008 passed by the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District, Bangalore, reduced by 2155.78 square meters area being relinquished to the Bangalore Development Authority and bounded on the: East by: Land bearing Sy No 84/2, West by: Land bearing Sy No 81, North by: 60 Feet Government Road and property belonging to Sri N Lokappa and others in the same survey number, South by: Land bearing Sy No 83,

Schedule 'B' Property: All that piece and parcel of the 388.32 Sq Ft of undivided share, right, title and interest and ownership in the Schedule 'A' Property, being Municipal No 37/1/84/1 Rachenahalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore in all measuring 4.074 Acres or 1,77,459.30 Square Feet or 19717.701 Square Yards out of the entire extent off 5 Acres 12 ½ Guntas or 2,31,412 Square Feet or 21498.699 square meters.

Schedule 'C' Property: The Apartment bearing W1-B-1101 on the eleventh floor of Block-B, in 'VASATHI AVANTE' being constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property measuring 1080.62 Square feet of super built up area which includes 750.29 square feet of carpet area and proportionate share inn common areas, such as passages, lobbies, lift, wells, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use and one reserved covered car parking No B-50 and bounded on the: North by: Entrance /Corridor,South by: Open Area, East by: Open Area, West by: W1-B1102

Property No 2: All that piece and parcel of house property bearing No 22, assessment No 44 southern portion situated at Shettyhally Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk coming under the purview of BBMP Ward No 12, Bengaluru measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 15 Feet with building on it and bounded on the: East by: Site No 3, West by: Road, North by: Remaining northern portion of Site No 22, South by: Property No 21.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 28.03.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda,
Basaveshwaranagar Branch

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

E-AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction)of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS " and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on 18.02.2024	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last date TIME & Place for submission of Bid
2	46989440000112	1) Mr. Kumara Naik, Also at: M/s. Jai Bhajarangi Condimets, Represented by its Proprietor Mr. Kumara Naik, 2) Mrs. Lakshami Bai	13.04.2023	09.02.2024	Rs.5,39,083.03 (Rupees Five Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Eighty Three and Three Paisa Only)	05.04.2024 Time: 9:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.10,13,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Thirteen Thousand Only)	Rs.1,01,300/- (Rupees One Lakh One Thousand Three Hundred Only)	16.04.2024 @ 02:00 PM	15.04.2024, Till 05.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Head Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071

Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.24, Khatha No.454/3298/5584/24/322, Khatha SL. No.454, Old Khatha No.3298/5584/24/322, situated at Rojipura Village, 4th Stage Doddaballapura Town, Bangalore Rural District, and **Bounded by the: On the East:** Site No.23, **On the West:** Nagarasabha's Property, **On the North:** Site No.17, **On the South:** Road. Measuring East to West: 25 feet and North to South: 30 feet.

The properties are being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** & **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and the E-Auction will be conducted **'On Line'.** The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s. 4 Closure** at the web portal **https://bankauctions.in** & **www.foreclosureindia.com.** For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact **M/s. 4 Closure; Contact Mr. M Srinivasulru - Contact Number: 8142000809. Email id: info@bankauctions.in/ srinivas@bankauctions.in.**

For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact **Jana Small Finance Bank authorized officers Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob No.9590858249), Mr. Umesh (Mob No.8050149617) & Mrs. Syeda (Mob No.7400445147).** To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named Borrowers/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

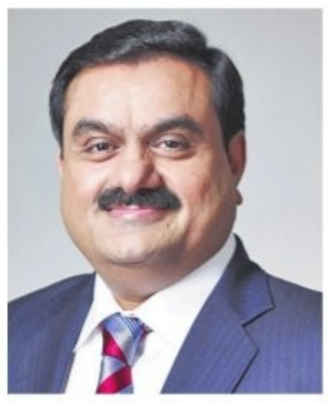
Date: 31.03.2024, Place: Bangalore Rural **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

$140 MN increase in India's forex reserves to all-time high of $642.631 billion during the week ended March 22, the RBI said

Ambani-Adani's joint power play?

No signs of powerful billionaires joining forces soon in other areas of common interest

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi



Partnership driven by current captive power norms

This partnership of two richest men of India is rather driven by current electricity norms around captive power units and there are rarely any signs of the two powerful billionaires joining forces soon in other areas of common interest

THE purchase of a 26% stake by Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) in a Madhya Pradesh power project owned by Gautam Adani's Adani Power is seen as a 'landmark' development in India's corporate world.

However, this partnership is rather driven by current electricity norms around captive power units and there are rarely any signs of the two powerful billionaires joining forces soon in other areas of common interest.

"Reliance had limited choice other than to tie up and purchase a 26% stake in the power plant owned by an Adani Group company. Adani's Mahan Energen is the only facility in the area that has the capacity to readily provide the power requirement of Reliance and as per electricity rules around captive power units, it became the right thing for the two to tie up," said a partner at a leading consultancy firm requesting not be named. He added a handful of similar deals take place every year in the country and RIL as well as Adani have captive power units around their mega factories.

Generally, captive power units are power plants constructed next to an industrial unit to provide power to the facility. In many cases, it is constructed by the factory to avail an undisputed source of power. The company, which builds the factory, sells a 74% stake in the power unit to a power-generating company for smooth day-to-day running. However, in many cases, a power company constructs the captive plant and then sells 26% to the consuming company upon completion. Either way, to be considered a captive plant, the consuming industrial unit must own at least 26% of the generating unit.

While picking a stake in Mahan Energen Ltd (MEL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Adani Power, RIL said the investment is in compliance with the provisions of the Electricity Rules, 2005, which say a captive user must own a 26% stake in the captive unit.

The deal will give RIL 500 MW of electricity from MEL's Madhya Pradesh-based power plants for captive use. "One unit of 600 MW capacity of MEL's Mahan thermal power plant, out of its aggregate operating and upcoming capacity of 2,800 MW, will be designated as the Captive Unit for this purpose," Adani Power said in an exchange filing. It added that RIL will pick up 5 crore shares with a face value of 10 (₹50 crore).

This rare partnership by Gautam Adani and Mukesh Ambani, two of Asia's richest billionaires, made many believe that the competition between them to dominate India's future power and energy landscape and outdo each other on the global billionaire list is not as intense as seen by many. It also raised speculations of future partnerships.

Ambani and Adani, both hailing from Gujarat and both believed to be close to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, have avoided crossing each other's path in their entrepreneurial journey while maintaining a cordial relationship with each other.

While Ambani has made his fortune in businesses such as oil-to-chemical, gas, retail and telecom, Adani has amassed wealth by expanding his ports-to-power empire. Adani group also became the country's second-largest cement manufacturer by acquiring Ambuja and ACC a few years ago.

While the street was forecasting a clash between the two titans when Adani group applied to participate in 5G spectrum auction in 2022, Adani snubbed the rumours by buying 400 MHz spectrum in 26 GHz band, which is not for public networks. Even in the media business where Adani Group ventured recently and Reliance is a major force, Adani received support from a firm with erstwhile links to Ambani to takeover NDTV.

The only major business area where the two are competing is in the field of green energy. Both of them have ambitions to dominate India's clean energy requirements and have committed billions of dollars to it.

TAX TALK

WOULD REVISION OF GOODS AND SERVICES TAX RETURNS BE PERMITTED?

RAJAT MOHAN

EVEN after a few years of introduction, many people are still making errors while filling their GST forms. To avoid trouble down the line, it's very important to keep careful records when filing GST returns. The incorrect filing of GST returns could result in substantial penalties and accrued interest. It was crucial to verify your returns before submission since there was no opportunity to make alterations afterward. Unlike the previous system of service tax and VAT, which allowed for revising returns in error cases, GST did not possess such a provision at that time.

There used to be a VAT system before the GST came about in which cases of mistaken billing could be amended. Though the GST law has been in effect for six years, if you are registered with it, you must file your returns accurately to avoid departmental harrasment.

As per experts, a substantial number of GST-registered individuals and dealers frequently encounter inadvertent errors, including computational discrepancies and inaccuracies in tallying. The provision of revised returns alongside prefilled return options could offer a viable solution to rectify such natural human errors.

Five types of errors and issues commonly encountered by taxpayer:

1. Common Filing Mistakes: A variety of mistakes are commonly made while filing GST returns. These include incorrect claims of Input Tax Credit (ITC), non-payment of GST under the Reverse Charge Mechanism (RCM), not mentioning exempted turnover in GST returns, and errors in categorizing supplies as zero-rated or nil-rated. Additionally, errors in uploading invoice-wise data in GSTR-1.

2. Reconciliation Issues: Taxpayers often face problems in reconciling GSTR 3B & GSTR 1 returns. For instance, if there's a mismatch between the declared sales in these returns, it could lead to unnecessary litigation with the GST department.

3. Errors in Claiming ITC and TDS/TCS: Many registered individuals and dealers make errors in claiming Input Tax Credit on GSTR 3B returns and in understanding how to claim Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) and Tax Collected at Source (TCS). These mistakes can lead to financial losses and complications with tax authorities.

4. Failure to file NIL return: There is a common misconception among taxpayers that GST returns need to file there are no transactions to report for a tax period. This could result in penalties due to non-filing or delayed filing of returns.

5. Disclosure and payment of the tax under the wrong GST head: Various categories exist for reporting taxes when filing GST returns. Errors may occur when taxpayers input GST liability or input tax credit under incorrect GST categories. Payment mistakes, such as directing tax or interest to the wrong heads, can also happen during transactions.

Power of revised returns

A revised return is filed under section 139(5) of the Income Tax Act to correct mistakes or omissions made in the original return. This provision allows taxpayers to file a revised income tax return if they discover mistakes in their initial filing. Whether it's a correction of errors, missed reporting, or changes in tax calculation due to changes in tax laws, rules, or tax rates, revised returns empower businesses to rectify their mistakes.As per the proposal, taxpayers will be able to rectify their returns including computation of tax.The income tax system already provides this feature. It is high time that GST Council gives similar mechanism unser GST law also.

Reduced Litigation

The Government is reportedly considering permitting the filing of updated or revised returns under the GST. This proposal, once implemented, is expected to not only benefit taxpayers but also contribute to a reduction in litigation related to the GST regime.

Challenges

If the revision of GST returns were to be permitted in India, it would bring about a significant shift in the tax filing ecosystem and it comes with its own set of challenges:

- Complexity in Compliance: Allowing revisions would likely increase the complexity of the compliance process. Taxpayers and authorities would need to manage and track multiple versions of a return, leading to potential confusion and increased administrative burden.
- Increased Workload for Tax Authorities: Tax authorities would face a heightened workload in reviewing, verifying, and processing revised returns. This could lead to delays in processing and increased demand for resources and manpower.
- Potential for Misuse: There is a risk that some taxpayers might misuse the provision for revision by frequently changing their returns. This could lead to attempts at tax evasion or manipulation of liabilities, making the system more prone to fraud.
- Need for Enhanced IT Infrastructure: To handle the increased volume and complexity of data from revised returns, the GSTN would require a more robust IT infrastructure. This would include enhanced data storage, processing capabilities, and security measures.
- Educational and Training Requirements: Taxpayers, accountants, and legal professionals would require additional education and training to understand the nuances of filing revised returns. This is essential to avoid errors and ensure compliance with the revised guidelines.
- Reconciliation Challenges: Revising returns could complicate the reconciliation process with input tax credit claims. Businesses might face challenges in matching invoices if their suppliers constantly revise their returns.
- Legal and Policy Implications: The government would need to consider the legal and policy implications of allowing revisions. This includes determining the extent and conditions under which revisions are allowed, and how they align with the overall objectives of the GST regime.

Conclusion

In conclusion, strengthening efficiency in GST filing is crucial for businesses. While human errors are inevitable, mechanisms like revised returns provide taxpayers with the opportunity to correct their mistakes and ensure accuracy of their GST filing. By leveraging such provisions, taxpayers can significantly enhance their GST filing efficiency, thereby saving time, and resources, and avoiding unnecessary penalties. It is being reported by some senior tax officers that revision of GST returns may be permitted by April, 2025.

Remember, "An error doesn't become a mistake until you refuse to correct it". So, let's empower businesses to correct their errors and enhance their GST filing efficiency through the power of Revised Returns.

-Rajat Mohan is Executive Director at Moore Singhi

Telcos asked to discontinue USSD-based call from Apr 15

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

SUBSCRIBERS COULD BE ASKED TO ADOPT ALTERNATIVE METHOD

The order said all existing subscribers who have activated USSD-based call forwarding service may be asked to reactivate call forwarding services through alternative methods to ensure such services are not activated without their notice. Recently, there has been a surge in fraud using the call forwarding method by scammers

THE Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has asked the telecom service providers to discontinue USSD-based call forwarding facilities from 15 April 2024 to stop any misuse of the features.

The government has asked the telcos to look for some alternative method to activate the features in the mobile phones. Currently, any user, by dialing *401#, can activate unconditional call forwarding services on their mobiles.

"It has come to the notice of the Department that a USSD-based call forwarding facility (most commonly known as *401# services for unconditional call forwarding services) is being misused in some unwarranted activities... It has been decided by the competent authority that all licensees shall discontinue the existing USSD-based call forwarding services with effect from 15.04.2024 until further notice," reads the order of DoT.

The order also mentions that all existing subscribers who have activated USSD-based call forwarding service may be asked to reactivate call forwarding services through alternative methods to ensure that such services are not activated without their notice.

Recently, there has been a surge in fraud using the call forwarding method by scammers.

The fraudsters call the telecom subscriber and pretend to be customer service representatives or technical support staff from their telecom service provider. They then claim there is a problem with the subscriber's SIM card.

Subsequently, these fraudsters ask the subscriber to dial the code *401# followed by a mobile number. After doing so, unconditional call forwarding is activated on the subscriber's mobile number, meaning all incoming calls, etc., are forwarded to the fraudster's mobile number.

In January 2024, the Department of Telecommunications advised users to beware of receiving malicious incoming calls asking them to dial *401# followed by an unknown mobile number.

The government has been taking various steps to stop fraudulent calls in the country. On 29 March 2024, it issued an advisory warning people not to answer WhatsApp calls or share any personal details from foreign numbers, such as those starting with +92-xxxxxxxxxx.

DEBT

Jaiprakash Associates may restructure bond

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

CRISIS-HIT Jaiprakash Associates, which is into cement and construction businesses, on Saturday said about 92% of bondholders have given consent for restructuring of foreign currency convertible bonds (FCCBs) worth $120 million, issued by the company and due for payments in 2020 and 2021.

In February, the debt-ridden company had announced plans to restructure these bonds. On February 27, Jaiprakash Associates informed that the company has executed a non-binding term sheet and related accession agreements with an aggregate of about 70% of the holders of (i) the $38,640,000 FCCBs due September 2021 (Series A Bonds); and (ii) the $81,696,000 amortising FCCBs due September 2020 (Series B Bonds).

The agreements contain the primary terms of the proposed restructuring of such bonds.

In a regulatory filing on Saturday, the company apprised that more bondholders have accorded their consent to the bond restructuring by signing an accession agreement with the company.

Business & Beyond

Simultaneous Launch of Two ASWSWC Warships for Indian Navy

Kolkata (March 13, 2024): Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd reached yet another significant milestone by simultaneously launching two ASWSWC warships for the Indian Navy on Wednesday, March 13, 2024. It was certainly a treat for the eyes of those present as these two magnificent platforms touched water for the first time below their keels. The ships were launched by Mrs Neeta Chaudhari, President Air Force Families Welfare Association (IFFWA) & wife of Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari, Chief of the Air Staff, Indian Air Force. Air Chief Marshal Chaudhari was chief guest at the occasion. Among the others present were Lt Gen R. C. Tiwari, Army Commander, Eastern Command, Cmde P R Hari, IN (Retd), Chairman and MD, GRSE, Shri RK Dash, Director (Finance).

Damodar Valley Corporation first in bundling under the flexibility scheme of MoP, GoI

DVC signed PPA with Solar Power Developer (SPD), M/s AvaadaInclean at DVC HQ, Kolkata on 15th March 2024 towards procurement of 300 MW solar power to be established by SPD anywhere in India. DVC has become the first organization to enter into a power purchase agreement (PPA) for RE bundling with its thermal power under flexibility scheme of MoP, GoI to cut carbon emission. Earlier launched its flagship scheme named 'Scheme for flexibility in generation and scheduling of thermal/hydro power stations' to facilitate renewable energy by substituting part of costlier thermal energy.

LEADING LIGHTS COLLABORATE IN THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

Atul Auto, a leading Indian manufacturer of 3-wheeled commercial vehicles have signed a partnership agreement with Veedol, one of India's foremost lubricants brands for supply of Genuine Oils. Veedol's proven expertise in lubricants is poised to provide Atul Auto customers enhanced vehicle performance . Mr Niraj Chandra, MD - Atul Auto Limited, said, "We are excited to partner with Veedol, known for quality, innovation and service. This collaboration allows us to provide customers with top-notch lubrication solutions." Mr Arijit Basu, MD - Tide Water Oil, added " This partnership with Atul Auto is an important milestone in our growth journey. Tide Water Oil, through its flagship brand Veedol and joint venture company with Eneos, Japan, has been a significant contributor to Automotive industry with its major OEM partnerships.

GRSE bags Governance Now PSU Awards in 'Communication Outreach' for five years in a row

Kolkata: Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd. (GRSE), has bagged Awards in Communication Outreach, Reskilling of Employees (Training & Development)and Nation Building categories at the 10thGovernance Now PSU Awards.CGM (Corporate Planning & Communication Communication), GRSE, Cdr Bhaskar Sengupta, received the awards on behalf of GRSE presented by Smt. Nirmal Kaur, IPS, Former DGP, Jharkhandand Padma Shree Dr Sanjeev Bagai, Chairman, Nephron Clinicat an award function in New Delhi on 22Mar 24. It is noteworthy to mention that GRSE has been adjudged winner ofthe Communication Outreach Award for the fifth year in a row. Governance Now PSU Awards honour the efforts of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) that have been key to the country's growth and are given for their commitment to excellence.

IndiGo flights between Abu Dhabi, Kannur

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

BUDGET airline IndiGo has announced new direct flights between Abu Dhabi and north Kerala district Kannur from May 9.

Extending its international presence, the airline will operate daily non-stop flights from the coastal city of the southern state to the capital of the United Arab Emirates, the airline said in a release on Friday.

Vinay Malhotra, Head of Global Sales, IndiGo said with the addition of these flights, the airline will operate 56 weekly flights to Abu Dhabi from 8 cities in India, promoting travel, trade, and tourism between the two countries. With these new flights to the UAE from Kannur, passengers have more travel options during the upcoming summer vacations, it said.

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ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH

2/3, Raja Building, N.R Road, Bengaluru -560 002. E-mail : ubin0555991@unionbankofindia.bank

Contact No: 8369255990, 080-29570555

APPENDIX-IV-A

[See Proviso to Rule 8(6) of Security Enforcement Rules, 2002]

Notice of 15 days for sale of immovable secured assets under Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with the provision of Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) mentioned below that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru/** concerned branches. Secured Properties will be sold on **" As is where is", " As is what is " and " whatever there is"** basis, by Public E-Auction on **16.04.2024, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM** for recovery of dues as mentioned below together with future interest and legal other expenses due to the bank/Secured Creditor from respective borrowers. The Reserve Price for Property, the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Description of Property etc., are given below.

Sl. No.	Name and Address of the Borrower/Mortgagor/ Guarantor	Description of the Property	Amount Due	Reserve Price	EMD Amount
1	**1. M/s Al Tech Engineering** #18/23, 1st Floor, Marenhalli, Vijayanagar, Bangalore -560040. **2. Patner 1. Mr. M I Usman Ali,** S/o B Imbrahim (Since Deceased) Mrs. Abida Begum, W/o Late Mr. M I Usman Ali and other known and unknown Legal Heir (s) Legal Representative(s), successors and Assigns of Late M I Usman Ali #18/23, 1st Floor, Marenhalli, Vijayanagar, Bangalore -560040. **3. Patner 2. B.N Venaktaraju** S/o B V Narayana, Flat No. 109, 1st Floor, Redstone Fortune Apartment, Dodda Gollarahalli, Nagadevanahalli, Kengeri, Bangalore-560060. **Also residing at:** B.N. Venkataraju House No.104, LIG 1st stage, Kengeri Satellite Town, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk.	**Schedule A :** All that piece and parcel of property bearing House No. 104, LIG 1st Stage, Kengeri Satelite Town, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South : 40 Feet and bounded on : East by : House No.119 MIG, West by : Road, North by : House No. 105, South by : House No. 103.	**Rs.98,82,927.97 (Rupees Ninety Eight Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Seven and Ninety Seven Paisa Only) as on 29/02/2024**	**Rs. 2,15,96,000 (Rupees Two Crores Fifteen Lakhs Ninety-Six Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 21,59,600.00 (Rupees Twenty-One Lakhs Fifty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Only)**
2	**1. Mr. Ashok Kumar Kalash** S/o Kashinath Kalash, Flat 01,1st FL Hutch Tower Bldg, 5th Cross, Vijinapura, Opp.ashraya Eng School, Bangalore 560016. **2. Mrs. S S Routh** W/o Ashok Kumar Kalash, Flat 01,1st FL Hutch Tower Bldg, 5th Cross, Vijinapura, Opp.ashraya Eng School, Bangalore 560016.	**Schedule A:** All that piece & parcel of the property bearing numbers 5,6,7,8,9,14,15,22,23,24,16,17,18,19,20,21, 25A,26,27 & 28 BBMP Khat no 1324/866/5 situated at Maruthi Nagar, Kogilu Village Road, Yelahanka Bangalore North measuring East to West 183.5 + 165.3/2 feet and North to South 223+147/2 feet bounded on the East by: Private Property, West by: Road, North by: Road and Maruti Nagar Housing Board Layout, South by: Property belong to Smt. Vijayamma. **Schedule B:** 368.76 Sq.Feet undivided right tittle and interest in the schedule A property **Schedule C:** A two bedroom apartment bearing no 105 situated on first floor in building known as "Midhila Deluxe constructed on the schedule A property with a super built up area of 1370 Sq.Ft along with one covered car parking area in basement and having RCC roofing vitrified flooring Main Door and shutter decorative moulded made of quality hard wood (Both side teak finish), wood windows/internal flush doors with sal wood frames with proportionate share in common areas, lobbies, passages, lifts staircase etc. with electricity water and sanitary connection with all appurtenances whatsoever with common use of approach to car park area and stair case and bounded on the : East by: Common area, West by: Flat no 205, North by: Flat no 207 & South by: Open to sky	**Rs. 66,51,576.62 (Rupees Sixty Six Lakhs Fifity One Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Six and Sixty Two Paisa Only) as on 29.02.2024**	**Rs. 47,86,000.00 (Rupees Forty seven lakhs eighty six thousand Only)**	**Rs. 4,78,600.00 (Rupees Four Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Six Hundred Only)**
3	**(1) Mr. Manjunath J,** S/o H Jayaram, # 24, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Ekadantha Nagar, Herohalli, Bangalore-560091 **(2) Mrs. Deepika** W/o Mr. Manjunath J, # 24, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Ekadantha Nagar, Herohalli, Bangalore-560091.	All that piece and parcel of Property No. 78, Assessment No. 42 & 43, situated at Karihobanahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently under BBMP Ward No. 40, measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40 feet Totally measuring 2400 Sq. Ft and bounded on East by : Remaining portion of Property Assessment No. 42, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 76 & 77, South by : Private Property.	**Rs. 1,13,98,096.20 (Rupees One Crore Thirteen Lakhs Ninety-Eight Thousand Ninety-Six and Paisa Twenty Only) as on 29/02/2023**	**Rs. 64,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Four Lakhs Only)**	**Rs.6,40,000/- (Rupees Six Lakhs and Forty Thousand only)**
4	**1. Sri Mohammed Ismail** S/o Mohammed Bhouse, Flat No. 105, Kristal Sun Stone Apartment, 17 E Main Road, 5th Cross, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560095. **2. Smt. Nasreen Fathima** W/o Mohammed Ismail, Flat No. 105, Kristal Sun Stone Apartment, 17 E Main Road, 5th Cross, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560095.	All that piece and parcel of 2 BHK Flat No. S-5 in Second Floor, "PRABHAVATHI HEAVEN" Apartment, having Super Built up area of 977 Sq.Ft along with an undivided 288 Sq.Ft of share, right, title and interest in the property situated at Sy.No. 5/4, presently within the BBMP, Bommanahalli Zone having Katha No. 643/629/5/4, Devarachikkanahalli, Begur, Bangalore bounded by: East: Gundu Thopu, West: Remaining land in Sy.No. 5/4, Road and Private Property, North : Private Layout and Road, South : Patel Appanna Reddy's Private Property and Gundu Thopu. Boundaries (Flat) : East: Flat No. S-4, West : Flat No. S-6, North by : Corridor, South : Private Property. (The property belongs to Mohammed Ismail)	**Rs.80,67,171.00 (Rupees Eighty Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand One Hundred and Seventy One only) as on 31/01/2024**	**Rs. 29,18,000/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Eighteen Thousand only)**	**Rs. 2,91,800/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Ninety One Thousand Eight Hundred only)**
5	**1. Sri Mohammed Ismail** S/o Mohammed Bhouse, Flat No. 105, Kristal Sun Stone Apartment, 17 E Main Road, 5th Cross, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560095. **2. Smt. Nasreen Fathima** W/o Mohammed Ismail Flat No. 105, Kristal Sun Stone Apartment, 17 E Main Road, 5th Cross, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560095.	All that piece and parcel of 2 BHK Flat No. S-6 in Second Floor, " PRABHAVATHI HEAVEN" Apartment, having Super Built up area of 977 Sq.Ft along with an undivided 288 Sq.Ft of share, right, title and interest in the property situated at Sy.No. 5/4, presently within the BBMP, Bommanahalli Zone having Katha No. 643/629/5/4, Devarachikkanahalli, Begur, Bangalore bounded by: East: Gundu Thopu, West: Remaining land in Sy.No. 5/4, Road and Private Proeprty, North : Private Layout and Road, South : Patel Appanna Reddy's Private Property and Gundu Thopu : Boundaries (Flat) : East: Flat No. S-5, West : Flat No. S-7, North by : Corridor, South : Private Property. (The property belongs to Mohammed Ismail)	**Rs.80,67,191.00 (Rupees Eighty Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand One Hundred and Ninety One only) as on 31/01/2024**	**Rs. 29,18,000 (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Eighteen Thousand only)**	**Rs. 2,91,800 (Rupees Two Lakhs Ninety One Thousand Eight Hundred only)**
6	**(1) M/s Dhruv Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd.,** 695 1st Floor 9th Main, Indiranagar 1st Stage, Bangalore 560038, Karnataka. **(2) Mr. Srivardhan Reddy Vanipenta (Guarantor) S/o Narasa Reddy,** Plot no. 15 Phase 3, Road no. 71 Jublee Hills, Hyderabad 500033. **(3) Mr. Harshvardhan Reddy Vanipenta (Guarantor)** S/o Narasa Reddy, Flat no. 501 4th floor Spadix Apartment, Property no. 39 Royal Orchid Hotel Road, Muniyellapppa Garden, Kodilhalli off old airport road, Bangalore 560008. **(4) Mr. Srinivas Penmitsa (Guarantor)** S/o Vishwanandha Raju, House no. 2/3 /AC/32, Aparna Country Behind Mathrusrinagar, Miyapur, Hyderabad-500049.	**Property belongs to Mr.Harashavardhan Reddy Vanipenta (Guarantor): Schedule A Property:** All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Municipal No. 39, situated at Muniyellappa Garden, Kodihalli Bangalore, PID No. 73-50-39, measuring East to west 63 feet and North to South 115 feet, totally measuring about 7245 sq.ft. and bounded by: East by: Private Property belonging to Sri Chinnamma, West by: Private Property belonging to Sri Krishnappa, North by: Property belonging to Corporation, South by: Road & remaining portion of the vendor. **Schedule B Property:** All that piece and parcel of immovable property being Flat No. 501, on the fourth floor, of the building known as "SPADIX" bearing bifurcated Khata No.39/24, Constructed on property bearing Municipal No.39, situated at Muniyellappa Garden, Kodihalli, Bangalore (Schedule A Property), Consisting of hall, dining room, pooja room, four bedrooms, Attached bathrooms, toilets, with the super built area of 3996 sq.ft., together with 991/7245 share of undivided right, title and interest.	**Rs. 9,68,41,789.49 (Rupees Nine Crores Sixty Eight Lakhs Forty One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Nine and Forty Nine Paisa only) as on 29/02/2024**	**Rs. 1,68,94,000 (Rupees One Crore Sixty Eight Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand only)**	**Rs.16,89,400 (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Four Hundred only)**
7	**1.Mr. H Mahesh** S/o Mr. L Huche Gowda, No.30, BBMP Khata No.30, Sy No.5 & 6, Bikasipura, Banashankari 5th Stage, Bangalore- 560061, **2. Mr H Raghavendra** S/o Mr. L Huche Gowda, No.30, BBMP Khata No.30, Sy No.5 & 6, Bikasipura, Banashankari 5th Stage, Bangalore-560061, **3. Mr. L Huche Gowda,** No.30, BBMP Khata No.30, Sy No.5 & 6, Bikasipura, Banashankari 5th Stage, Bangalore- 560061, **4. Mrs Devi B R** W/o Mahesh H, No.30, BBMP Khata No.30, Sy No.5 & 6, Bikasipura, Banashankari 5th Stage, Bangalore- 560061.	All the piece and parcel of the Residential property bearing the Site No. 30, (formed out of Land in Sy.No. 5 & 6), present BBMP khata no 30, situated at Bikasipura village, Banashankari, 5th stage, Bangalore- 560078. East to West 9.14 meters, North to South 12.19 meters totally 111.41 Square meters, Bounded by: East By: Property No. 29, West By: Property No. 31, North By: Property no. 20, South By: Road.	**Rs. 47,81,336.35 (Rupees Forty-Seven Lakhs Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Six and Thirty Five Paisa Only) as on 29.02.2024**	**Rs. 1,39,40,000/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty-Nine Lakhs and Forty Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 13,94,000/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Ninety-Four Thousand Only)**
8	**1.Mr. Vijay Kumar Nagaraj,** S/o Nagaraj Ramaiah, Residing at No.:84, 4th Cross, Cox Town, Jeevanahalli, Frazer Town, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560005. **2. Mrs. Swetha N** W/o Mr. Vijaya Kumar Nagaraj, Residing at No.:84, 4th Cross, Cox Town, Jeevanahalli, Frazer Town, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560 005.	**Schedule A Property:** All that piece and parcel of converted lands bearing Sy.No.30/2, 30/6,42/2,42/1,43,42/3,&42/4 all together totally measuring 4(Four) Acres 28 ¾ (twenty Eight & Three Fourth) Guntas, Present BBMP Katha No.1054/46, situated at Hagadur Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and bounded on : East By: Remaining land in SY.No.42/8 and 43 and Road, West By : Land in Sy.No.19 and 30/1 and Remaining Land in 30/6, North By : Nagondanahalli Village boundary and Remaining Land in Sy.No.42/1, South by : Land in Sy.No.30/3,30/7,42/4 and remaining land in Sy.No.42/6 and 42/7. **Schedule B Property:** 372.04 Sq.ft of undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in schedule "A" Property. **Schedule C Property :** Apartment/Flat No.008, on ground floor of "A" Block in UNIT-I-CEDAR, measuring 1265 sq.ft, Super built up area containing TWO(2) Bed Rooms, together with RCC Roofing Vitrified flooring, along with one covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase etc. in the multistoried residential building known as "B.M. MAGNOLIA PARK" constructed in the Schedule " A" Property. Boundaries of Flat : East by : Entrance to the Flat , West by : Open to Sky, North by : Flat No.009, South by : Flat No.007.	**Rs.84,76,028.48 (Rupees Eighty Four Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Twenty Eight and Paisa Forty Eight only) as on 29/02/2024**	**Rs. 59,14,000/- (Rupees Fifty-Nine Lakhs Fourteen Thousand only)**	**Rs. 5,91,400/- (Five Lakhs Ninety-one Thousand and Four Hundred rupees only)**
9	**1. Mr. Madhu Krishnappa** No. 161, CI Layout, 2nd Cross, ST Thomas School Road, Kumarakrupa park, Bengaluru 560020 **2 Mrs Asharani Madhu,** W/o Mr. Madhu Krishnappa, No. 161, CI Layout, 2nd Cross, ST Thomas School Road, Kumarakrupa park Bengaluru 560020.	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing residential house no.374,formed out of lands in sy.33,old khatha No.374 & 384,New BBMP Khatha No.461/33/374,9th Main situated at Attur village, Yelahanka Hobli,Bangalore North Bangalore 560064,measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 feet in all measuring 1200 sq. Ft within the following boundaries East by - property No.367, West by – 25 Feet wide Road, North by - property No.373, South by - property No.375.	**Rs.80,29,087.67 (Rupees Eighty Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Eighty- Seven and Sixty Seven Paisa only) as on 29/02/2024**	**Rs. 91,95,000/- (Rupees Ninety One Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand only)**	**Rs. 9,19,500/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Nineteen Thousand and Five Hundred only)**

The above said properties will be sold by "Online". Online E-Auction will be held through web portal/website **www.mstcecommerce.com** on the date and time mentioned above with unlimited extension of 10 minutes. The intending bidders / purchasers required to register through **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp** using their mobile number and valid email:id. They are further required to upload KYC documents and Bank Details. The intended bidder may contact the **Branch Manager of Union Bank of India. Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru Contact No. 8369255990, 080-29570555** for inspection of property and also visit the above mentioned website for ascertaining the details of auction.

Place: Bengaluru
Date : 30.03.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India.

Form No. 14
[See Regulation 33(2)]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE, DEPT. OF FINANCIAL SERVICES,
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, BANGALURU,
Jeevan Mangal Building, 2nd Floor, No. 4, Residency Road, Bengaluru- 560 025.

TRC No. 386/2019

Canara Bank
Vijayapura Branch
Aruna Complex, Near Bus Stand, Vijayapura-562135, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.
- Certificate Holder Bank

Versus

Sri Seethappa and Another
- Certificate Debtor / Defendants

DEMAND NOTICE

1) Sri Seethappa, S/o. Gullappa Byrasandra Village, Jangamakote Post, Shildlaghatta Taluk, Chickballapur District.
2) Sri Muniyappa, S/o. Gullappa Byrasandra Village, Jangamakote Post, Shildlaghatta Taluk, Chickballapur District. **- Certificate Debtor / Defendants**

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No. 1357/2017** passed by Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore on **05.02.2019** an amount of **Rs. 17,59,656/-** (Rupees Seventeen Lakh(s) Fifty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Six only) is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filling of O.A. till realization of the Recovery Certificate.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **20th day of August 2019.**

Recovery Officer-2
Debtrs Recovery Tribunal-2,
Bangalore.

Note : Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Inome Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act. 1993 which is reproduced below.

Rule 16(1) where a notie has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt. dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.

3) You are also loable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of Laset 5 year.

Form No. 14
[See Regulation 33(2)]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE, DEPT. OF FINANCIAL SERVICES,
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, BANGALURU,
Jeevan Mangal Building, 2nd Floor, No. 4, Residency Road, Bengaluru- 560 025.

TRC/DRC No. 1737/2018

Canara Bank
Vijayapura Branch
Near Bus Stand, Vijayapura-562135, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. **Certificate Holder**

Versus

Sri G.M. Narayanaswamy & Anothers
Defendants

DEMAND NOTICE

1) Sri G.M. Narayanaswamy
S/o. Munishamappa, Gonur Village, Vijayapura Hobli-562135, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.
2) Sri Nanjunda Aradhya
S/o. Cheennaveeraiah, Gonur Village, Vijayapura Hobli-562135, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.
Defendants

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No. 1289/2017** passed by Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore on **29.09.2018** an amount of **Rs. 13,32,587/-** (Rupees Thirteen Lakh(s) Thirty Two Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Seven only) is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filling of O.A. till realization of the Recovery Certificate.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **14th day of March 2019.**

Recovery Officer-I
Debtrs Recovery Tribunal-2,
Bangalore.

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आईआरईएल (इंडिया) लिमिटेड
IREL (India) Limited

(A Govt. of India Undertaking – Department of Atomic Energy)
Manavalakurichi, Tamil Nadu , E-mail : purchase-mk@irel.co.in
An ISO 9001, 14001 & 45001 Unit, Phone: 04651-200402
CIN : U15100MH1950GOI008187

Ref: MK/P. ADVT/2023-24/05 Date : 28.03.2024

निविदा सूचना / TENDER NOTICE

IREL Manavalakurichi Unit invites tender for the following:

Tender No.	Description
GEM/2024/B/4752219	Supply of 1 No.High Tension Roll Separator (HTRS)

Bidder may download the tender document from https://gem.gov.in, https://www.irel.co.in and CPP Portal.

Any corrigendum / extension to above tender shall be hosted in above websites only.

CGM & Head, MK / मुख्य महा प्रबंधक एवं प्रधान,एमके

AXIS BANK Plot No. 41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009

POSSESSION NOTICE
See Rule - 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Axis Bank Ltd.,** under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned In the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantor / Mortgagors and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on below mentioned dates.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors in particular and the Public in General are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charges of the **Axis Bank Ltd.,** for an amount interest and Other Charges mentioned below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : (1) Mr. Siddeshaswamy G S S/o Siddaramaiah, No 137, Sri Guru Channabasaveshwar, Prasanna, Uttarahalli Main Road, Alasina Mara, Dwarakanagara 1st Stage, Channasandra, R R Nagar, Subramanyapura, Bangalore 560061 **Also At : Mr. Siddeshswamy G S** S/o Siddaramaiah Proprietor, Pooja Enterprises # 277, 281, 1st Floor, 1st Main Road, 1st Stage, 6th Phase, WOC Road, Industrial Town, Bangalore-560044 **(Borrower/Applicant) (2) Mrs. Ranjitha,** W/o Siddeshswamy G S, No 137, Sri Guru Channabasaveshwar Prasanna, Uttarahalli Main Road, Alasina Mara, Dwarakanagara 1st Stage, Channasandra, R R Nagar, Subramanyapura, Bangalore 560061**(Co Applicant/Guarantor).**

Loan A/c No : PHR000903205181

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs. 01,33,31,245/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Three Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Two Hundred Forty Five Only) due as on **08.08.2023** and interest thereon.

Demand Notice Dated : 08.08.2023 Possession Notice Dated : 28.03.2024

Details of mortgaged property: SCHEDULE : All that piece and parcel of the Site No 147 2nd Main 1st Block Geology Layout Sy No 31/2, SriGandadkaval Village Yeshwanthpura Hobli Bangalore Measuring 2400 sq ft and Bounded as follows: East by : Site No 148, West by : Site No 146, North by : Site No 135, South by : Road.

For any clarification please contact Mr. Raghunath 9886960484

2. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : (1) Mr. Murugan A, No.18, 6th Cross, Huchappa Layout, Svg Nagar, Moodi Palya, Bengaluru-560071 **And Also At: Mr. Murugan A,** Metro Ford, No. 63 St Marks Road, Bangalore-560001 **(Applicant) (2) Mrs.Manikodi,** No.18,6th Cross, Huchappa Layout, SVG Nagar,, Moodi Palya, Bengaluru –560071 **(Co-Applicant).**

Loan A/c No : 245010600338721

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.7,69,497.00/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Seven Only) being the amount due as on **16.04.2022** and interest thereon.

Demand Notice Dated : 06.06.2022 Possession Notice Dated : 28.03.2024

Description Of Mortgaged Property : All that piece and parcel of the property no. 63, Khatha No. 325, situated at Malagaalu Village, Bangalore North Taluk, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, measuring East to West 30 Ft, North to South 40 Ft. totally measuring 1200 Sq Ft., And bounded on : East By : Property of Boralingaiah, South By : Property of Mahadevaiah, West By : Road, North By : Property of Others.

For any clarification please contact Mr. Raghunatha - 919886960484

3. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : (1) Mahesh K B, S/o Basavegowda K N, No. 1080, 9th Main, Raghavendra Swamy Temple, Kalidasa Nagar Hoskere Halli, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore 560085 **Also at : Mahesh K.B,** Ananthalakshmi Earth Movers, No. 1093 1094, 60 feet Road, Opp RTO Office , Muddinapalya, Jnanabharathi, Bangalore-560091. **(Borrower /Mortgager) (2) Sumalatha D P,** D/o Putte Gowda, No. 1080, 9th Main, Raghavendra Swamy Temple, Kalidasa Nagar Hoskere Halli, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085. **(Co Borrower)**

Loan A/c No : PHR000903419568

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.55,51,465/- (Rupees Fifty five lakhs fifty one thousand four hundred and sixty five only) being the amount due as on **19.12.2022** and interest thereon.

Demand Notice Dated : 19.12.2022 Possession Notice Dated : 28.03.2024

Description Of Mortgaged Property : SCHEDULE : All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Residential BDA Site No 1767, Katha No 8/1767/2017-18 situated at Extended Layout of Sir M Vishweshwaraiah Nagar Layout, 8th Block Bengaluru measuring East to West 9.00 mtrs and North to South 6.00 mtrs in all measuring 54.00 sq. meters and bounded as follows: East by : Site No 1778, West by: Road, North by : Site No 1768, South by : Site No 1766.

For any clarification please contact Mr. Thrimoorthy. S - +91 919036773553.

Date : 28.03.2024
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
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क्रमांक: - 2253 दिनांक :-22.03.2024

संशोधित ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या : 15 / 2023 2024

विषय:- इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक डी:- 2190 दिनांक 14.03.2024 द्वारा आमंत्रित अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या 15 / पीएमजीएसवाई / 2023-24 में निम्नानुसार संशोधन नोट को प्रकाशित करने बाबत।

विवरण	पूर्व की दिनांक	संशोधित दिनांक
निविदा ऑनलाईन आवेदन/डाउनलोड करने की तारीख	15.03.2024 प्रातः09.30 बजे से 26.03.2024 को सांय 3.00 बजे तक	05.06.2024 को सांय 3.00 बजे तक
निविदा ऑनलाईन जमा कराने की तारीख	15.03.2024 प्रातः09.30 बजे से 26.03.2024 को सांय 3.00 बजे तक	05.06.2024 को सांय 3.00 बजे तक
तकनीकी बिड खोलने की तारीख	27.03.2024 को सांय 4:00 बजे।	06.06.2024 को सांय 4:00 बजे।

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STATE BANK OF INDIA

Stressed Assets Recovery Branch
No.11/90, 3rd Floor, Opp. Trust Well Hospital,
J C Road, Bengaluru - 560 002. Phone: 080- 25943678, 25943663
Email:sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

A/c No. HL 39885523139

WHEREAS, The Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Retail Assets Central Processing Centre, Yelahanka, Bengaluru under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **21.12.2023** calling upon the Borrowers **(1) Sri.Ravichandra.M. A** S/o Sri.Appanna Gowda and **(2) Smt. Aishwarya. M. R** D/o Sri. Ravichandra.M.A to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.61,71,030/-** (Rupees Sixty One Lakh Seventy One Thousand Thirty Only) as on 19.12.2023 with future interest at contractual rate from 20.12.2023 together with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. For administrative reasons, the loan account is now held at State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru for further resolution as per the internal policy of the bank and the undersigned is competent to issue this notice.

The Borrowers/Mortgagers having failed to repay the amount as mentioned in the Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Mortgagers and the public in general that the undersigned, being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru has taken possession of the property, described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on **28.03.2024.**

The Borrowers/Mortgagers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.62,56,676/-** (Rupees Sixty Two Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Six Only) as on 26.03.2024 and further interest at contractual rate from 27.03.2024 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc thereon.

The Borrowers/Mortgager's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

SCHEDULE A PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the developed portion of residentially present converted Sy No.11/4 (conversion vide Official Memorandum dated 02.01.2003 bearing No.B.D.S.ALN.S.R(N.A)151/2002-03 issued by the office of the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bengaluru) present BBMP Khatha No.978/329/11/4 situated at Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru an extent of totally measuring 33 Guntas with all rights appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on: East by: BDA Property and K.V.Byregowda Land, West by: Road and House building belongs to the owner herein the same Sy No. North by: J.M Chandrappa's land bearing Sy No.11/4, South by : BDA Property and Land belongs to Lakshmamma and Smt.Muniyamma property.

SCHEDULE B PROPERTY: 381 sq.feet undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule A above.

SCHEDULE C PROPERTY: Flat bearing No.401 in the 4th Floor measuring 1206 sq.feet Super Built up area, containing Two bedrooms, together with One covered Car parking space including proportionate share in common areas such as Passages, Lobbies, Staircase, Terrace contained in the multi-storied building constructed on the Schedule A Property known as **"SLV SERENITY"**, standing jointly in the names of Sri.Ravichandra.M.A S/o Sri.Appanna Gowda and Smt.Aishwarya.M.R D/o Sri. Ravichandra.M.A.

Place:Bengaluru
Date: 28.03.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer & Chief Manager
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

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#2/3, Raja Building, N.R. Road, Bengaluru-560002

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) READ WITH SECTION 13(3) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT,2002.

'We, **Union Bank of India** had issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addressees at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixture at the addresses given. The contents of the said notices are mentioned herein below.

Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : (1) M/s.Degas India Pvt. Ltd., Reg. Office 875/35B, 1st Floor, 28th Main Road, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560069. **Also at:** Plot no.257(A), KIADB Industrial Area, 3rd Phase, Bommasandra, Bangalor-560099. **Directors/Guarantors: (2) Mr.Gopinath,** 875/35B, 1st Floor, 28th Main Road, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560069. **(3) Mrs.Sunitha,** 875/35B, 1st Floor, 28th Main Road, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560069.

[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Facility & Account Number	Outstanding amount (in Rs.)	Unapplied interest	Cost/ Charges incurring by Bank	Total dues as on 30.11.2023 (in Rs.)
027330100027 758 – WCTL	Rs. 1,61,64,086.42	Rs. 22,38,801.52	Rs. 2,02,655/-	Rs. 1,86,05,542.94
027330100029 288 – UGECL	Rs. 21,11,306.60	Rs. 80,083.83	Rs. 1,50,005/-	Rs. 23,41,395.43
TOTAL	Rs.1,82,75,393.02	Rs.23,18,885.35	Rs.3,52,660/-	Rs.2,09,46,938.37

Total Liability Amount: Rs.2,09,46,938.37 (Rupees Two Crore Nine Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Eight and Thirty Seven Paisa Only) as on **30.11.2023** together with interest thereon.

NPA Date : 05.04.2022 Demand Notice Dated : 02.01.2024

DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURED ASSET/s:

Property No.1: All that piece and parcel of vacant site to an extent of Ac.0-17 cents in Sy.no.252/2C1 and an extent of Ac.0-12 cents in Sy.no.252/4C1, totalling to Ac.0-29 Cents out of Ac.0-40 cents, No.36 Tiruchanur Revenue Village accounts, Tirupati Rural Mandal, Tirupati - Renigunta Sub-district, Sri Balaji Registration District, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh, bounded by East: land of T.Venugopal in Sy.no.252/4C, West: Thanapalli Road, North: 150 feet wide state highway road and South: land in Sy.no.260 of Tiruchanur Revenue village accounts.

Property No.2: All that piece and parcel of vacant site to an extent of Ac.0-14.10 cents out of Ac.0-30 cents in Sy.no.260, patta no.29/1, 29/2, 29/3, T.D.No.464, Vallerugunta Patteda, No.36 Tiruchanur Revenue Village account, No.11 Tiruchanur Group, Tirupati Rural Mandal, Tirupati – Renigunta Sub-district, Sri Balaji Registration District, Chittoor District, bounded by East: land in Sy.no.260 of Tiruchanur Village of T.Venugopal, West: Road leads to Thanapalli Village, North: Land in Sy.no.252/2C & 4C of Tiruchanur accounts of M/s.Degas Builders and Developers and South: Land in Sy.no.260 of Tiruchanur Village accounts of M.Surya Narayana Reddy and others.

You are here by called upon to pay **Union Bank of India,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **Union Bank of India** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers available to **Union Bank of India** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgager including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Union Bank of India** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(8) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice affixed and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 26.03.2024
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

Sinner destroys Medvedev to enter final

Italy's **Jannik Sinner** destroyed defending champion Daniil Medvedev 6-1, 6-2 in just 69 minutes on Friday to reach the final of the ATP Miami Open, where he will take on Grigor Dimitrov. Bulgarian Dimitrov made his third Masters 1000 series final after he beat fourth-seeded Alexander Zverev 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-4.

After years of criticism and social media abuse, the youngster is now receiving praise for his new-found consistency and maturity. **Indraneel Das** takes a look at how it all happened...

RUNS AND ROSES FOR RIYAN 2.0

Sunday Special

EXPECTATIONS can be great and grave. Sometimes it can be cruel too. The burden can be heavier than the Atlas on Hercules' shoulders. If it is met, the journey can be beautiful and cherishing. Rewarding too. Sporting world is replete with such stories. Riyan Parag's is one such journey but with a tinge of varied experience.

Hailing from a cricket-star-starved state like Assam, the expectations on Riyan is understandably enormous. As he waded into the national spotlight, focus on him intensified. There is talent, hunger and diligence — all rolled into one. Runs have kept flowing from his blade. Domestic cricket has been his kingdom where he ruled like an emperor. Yet, this same form did not fetch him runs while batting for Rajasthan Royals. This season, however, the storyline is taking a different turn.

The 24 runs off Anrich Nortje in the last over in Jaipur's last match against Delhi Capitals showed the touch Riyan is in. The 22-year-old scored 84 off 45. In their first match, it was 43 off 29 balls. Matured beard has replaced his boyish looks. The brickbats (for earlier unimpressive shows) are slowly turning into accolades. Things will definitely change if he keeps his run-scoring spree going. "He has matured," are the words of his father Parag Das.

Quietly watching his progress and all the vicissitudes of life, are his parents — Parag and Mithu Baruah. Parag was a former first class cricketer, and Mithua national-level swimmer. They are the wind behind his sails, giving him emotional stability and mental strength to withstand any criticism. Riyan grew up watching his father Parag play. And his father very well knows what expectations can do a player. "I always tell him that he has to take it positively. It is a blessing in disguise for him," he told this daily. "This will also keep him on his toes. And only performance will silence critics and he knows that."

Parag, who follows his son's progress meticulously, felt representing Assam also has its advantage. "When you play big teams like Karnataka or Tamil Nadu or Mumbai and you score big then it is against good attack. It gives you confidence," he said. "He has to take the responsibility of the batting as well as bowling for Assam. So far he is doing well. For him it's like handling a pressure situation. And I think that must be helping him like in the last two matches."

Another marked change was the batting position. Earlier, Riyan used to come down the order and would not get enough time or balls to score big. But this season the team has showed faith in him and promoted him to No 4. "That is definitely helping him," said Parag. Last year, after the IPL Riyan had asked his father one thing, "I have not done anything yet I was being trolled or criticised and if I do something then what happens?". That's exactly what Parag reminded him. "Suppose you do something, then what happens?" Parag recollected. "I also told him that there are a lot of players who have not performed in the IPL but were not trolled but why you? My answer was that those who were criticizing you want performance from you. Take it positively."

More engagement

Though initially he used to spend time with his son, with professional commitments, things have changed. He hardly gets time with Riyan but he is not at all complaining. "For the last two-three seasons I have not spent too much time with him. He plays domestic cricket and then he attends Rajasthan Royals special camp every now and then so he is hardly here in Guwahati," he said. Riyan was part of the Emerging Teams Asia Cup last year and then attended a camp at the NCA and then the domestic season started. At the Syed Mustaq Ali Trophy (SMAT), Riyan had been a revelation. He hit record seven consecutive half-centuries and scored 510 runs in 10 innings and took Assam to the semifinals. Riyan also created a record in Deodhar Trophy for East Zone – most runs in the tournament (354 runs in five matches) for a single season.

PIC: SPORTZPICS

It had not been an ideal season, either. Injury led to a pause. He played one Vijay Hazare match and got injured and had to go to National Cricket Academy for rehabilitation. He recovered for Ranji but again after scoring two hundreds and a fifty in three Ranji matches, he had hurt the same right shoulder. Rehabilitation ensued. "For any player injury is a very difficult phase," said Parag. "It was not easy for him either. While he was recovering at NCA the second time, I even went and stayed there for three days."

The other side

There is another side to Riyan. He loves to hit the gym. Even if he may not go through extended rituals at the nets, he would never miss a gym session and it's almost like an obsession. "He is very particular and takes his fitness very seriously," said Parag. Sometimes he would go after training in the camps as well. He will be the first on the ground no matter how late he sleeps and is always committed to practice. Parag also said that like all middle class families, Mithu and he had other plans for Riyan if he was not keen on pursuing the sport.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Pacer Mayank shines as LSG register first win

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DEBUTANT pacer Mayank Yadav impressed with his high pace to take three crucial wickets as Lucknow Super Giants beat Punjab Kings by 21 runs at their home ground on Saturday

Chasing 200, Punjab got off to a flying start, with Shikhar Dhawan and Jonny Bairstow adding 102 runs in 11.4 overs before the latter got out for 42 runs from 29 balls. Prabhsimran Singh (19 from 7) did not last long and neither did Jitesh Sharma (6 off 9). Turning the heat on them was the young pace sensation Mayank. The Delhi pacer consistently clocked over 150 KPH, troubling the Punjab batters with his short pitched bowling and pace. He took three wickets for just 27 runs, putting Lucknow in a commanding position despite Dhawan's fifty.

At this point, PBKS needed 60 of 24 balls with Liam Livingstone and Dhawan in the middle. The Punjab captain and Sam Curran were dismissed off consecutive deliveries from Mohsin Khan, adding to the misery. Livingstone (28 n.o off 17) and Shashank Singh tried their best but it was too much to catch up as Punjab fell short by 21 runs.

Earlier, Lucknow lost KL Rahul early. Coming in as Impact Player, the India batter got out for 15 from nine balls. Once Rahul got out, Devdutt Padikkal tried to take on Kagiso Rabada, hitting two fours. But, in an attempt to hit Sam Curran down the ground, Padikkal hit one straight to the mid-off fielder. In came Marcus Stoinis as he and Quinton de Kock (54) tried to accumulate for a couple of overs. Just when it looked like Stoinis was going to get going, Rahul Chahar cleaned up the Australian. That is when Nicholas Pooran (42) joined De Kock in the middle. Together, they kept the momentum going. Although De Kock got out after his fifty, Pooran did not slow down. He raced to 41 off just 21 balls before getting out to Rabada. Krunal Pandya (43) provided the late boost, taking LSG to 199/8 in 20 overs. **Brief scores:** LSG 199/8 in 20 ovs (De Kock 54, Pooran 42; Curran 3/28) **bt** PBKS 178/5 in 20 ovs (Dhawan 70, Bairstow 42; Mayank 3/27).

LSG's Mayank Yadav (R) took 3/27 against Punjab Kings on Saturday | AFP

DOUBLE BONANZA

Gujarat Titans, Sunrisers Hyderabad, Chennai Super Kings and Delhi Capitals will be in action on Sunday. A look...

EYES ON RASHID

Although he changed the game against Mumbai Indians, Rashid Khan has not been the same since coming back from injury. Teams have designated hitters, who have been able to take him on. It will be interesting it see how he operates against what is arguably the most dynamic batting line-up this season.

CAN PANT MAKE A MARK?

Yes, Rishabh Pant is back. Yes, he is keeping wickets and batting. But he has not been able to make a match-winning impact for his team and that has led to some visible frustration. It is understandable that he is taking time, but Pant would want to rediscover his mojo sooner rather than later.

AXAR NEEDS TO STEP UP

While he did not give many runs versus Rajasthan Royals, Axar Patel has been kind of underwhelming. He has been DC's go-to all-rounder and would have to do a lot more both with the bat and ball for him to challenge Ravindra Jadeja for a place in India's World Cup squad.

Gujarat Titans **vs** Sunrisers Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, **3.30 PM**
Delhi Capitals **vs** Chennai Super Kings, Vizag, **7.30 PM**

Live on Star Sports and Jio Cinema

BFC's Sunil Chhetri (R) vies for the ball during the match against Odisha FC | ISL

Odisha's League Shield hopes fades after draw

AGENCIES @ Bengaluru

BENGALURU FC and Odisha FC played out a goalless draw in their Indian Super League (ISL) encounter at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium on Saturday. The result is a massive jolt for Odisha in their hopes of clinching the League Winners' Shield as they have 36 points from 19 games, five behind what the top-placed Mumbai City FC (41).

On the other hand, Bengaluru FC are back in the top-six. It was a day where backlines of both the teams were the saving graces, helping them keep a clean sheet each. Goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu was solid between the posts for the home side, making multiple decisive stops that denied Odisha FC the breakthrough until the end.

In the second game of the day, Jamshedpur FC struck back through an equaliser by Javi Siverio to settle for a 1-1 draw against Kerala Blasters FC at the JRD Tata Sports Complex in Jamshedpur. Ahead of the match, the Yellow Army required a victory to ensure a berth in the playoffs. Their march towards that target received a boost courtesy of an opening strike by Greek striker Dimitrios Diamantakos in the 23rd minute of the match.

However, Siverio, who had been a constant source of threat for the Kerala Blasters FC defence, ensured that he struck the back of the net in the 45th minute.

Rohit & Virat are so similar: Green

KALYANI MANGALE @ Chennai

THE last time Cameron Green was in India, he spent the ODI World Cup in and out of the Australian playing XI. At first, he took the place of injured Travis Head. Later, when Mitchell Marsh had to return home for a personal reason and when Glenn Maxwell was ruled out due to concussion, Green stepped in against England. Whatever role that was required, Green did that perfectly to help Australia's campaign get back on track. And on November 19, Australia eventually lifted the World Cup trophy for the sixth time.

In less than a week after the final, a last-minute deal meant Green found himself at the new home in the Indian Premier League when Mumbai Indians traded the Western Australian all-rounder to Royal Challenger Bengaluru for the sum of ₹17.50 crore.

"I was very excited. Found out at the very last minute when the deadline of retention was happening," Green told media in the virtual press conference. "There were a lot of things happening at that time, I wasn't too sure. I had a first-class game the next day. I just wanted to go to sleep. I got a lot of calls back and forth, asking me what was happening. So in the end, I was very lucky with how it turned out. Pretty hectic few hours there," he explained.

Cameron Green | AFP

His transfer after playing for Mumbai in his first season to Bengaluru meant he had the opportunity to share the dressing room with the giants of Indian cricket, Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli. The 24-year-old admitted that there was a sense of disbelief about him being around the current and former Indian captains in his first two seasons of the IPL. "They are both greats of the game. Every time I think about it, I pinch myself saying I have been lucky enough to play with two of the greats of the world cricket, if not Indian cricket," he said. "What makes them great is they are so similar. They both are equally very happy to help the team win much of the cricket, I think they are both equally happy to give you a lot of time and give information about the other team from their own experiences. So, not much difference. They are both greats of the game. I am happy to have spent time in the change room with them," the all-rounder said.

Bengaluru's season did not start on a high note against Chennai Super Kings, but they recovered well to put a win on the board against Punjab Kings at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium. However, it all came crashing against the Kolkata Knight Riders on Friday at the same venue. Many have called the concerns over Bengaluru's lack of quality spinners, but Green has backed the spinners to come good in the tournament, especially Himachal Pradesh spinner, Mayank Dagar.

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Sr women's multi-day trophy: West and East Zones march into semis

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

PUNAM Raut's 174 off 281 balls was not enough for the Central Zone as West Zone entered the semifinals of the senior women's inter-zonal multi-day trophy in Pune. They will face South Zone. In the other fixture, East Zone defeated North East Zone by an innings and 120 runs to qualify for the semifinal against Harmanpreet Kaur-led North Zone.

Raut, who missed out on her century in the first innings, came back to register 174 runs, which included 14 fours and a six. She put up a partnership of 148 runs with Arushi Goel to take her team close to 300 runs. Radha Yadav took two wickets to go with three in the first innings. Smriti Mandhana-led side qualified for the semifinal based on their lead in the first innings.

After reducing the East Zone to 156 for 8 on the second day of action, the East Zone took less than four overs to take the final two wickets registering a dominating win at the Pune Cricket Club Ground. Suravi Roy took the final two wickets to help her side get over the line. Dhara Gujjar's 140 on the opening day, followed by a five-wicket haul by Deepti Sharma, laid the foundation for the East Zone.

The semifinals will begin on Wednesday with North and East Zones playing at the Pune Cricket Club Ground while South and West Zones will play at the DY Patil Academy, Ambi.

Brief scores: East Zone 385/8 decl in 100 ovs **bt** North East Zone 108 in 34.3 ovs (Deepti 5/9) & 157 in 75.3 ovs (Sushree 2/20); Cental Zone 245 & 307/4 in 92 ovs decl (Punam 174) **drew with** West Zone 356 in 76.2 ovs (Anuja 122; Poonam 7/116).

EXPRESS READ

Henry replaces Willey in LSG squad

NEW DELHI: Lucknow Super Giants on Saturday named New Zealand fast bowler Matt Henry as a replacement for England all-rounder David Willey. Henry joins LSG at his base price of ₹1.25 crore. Willey had withdrawn from the tournament citing personal reasons. For Henry, LSG is his third IPL team.

Sumeeth & Sikki's run comes to an end

MADRID: India's mixed doubles pair of B Sumeeth Reddy and N Sikki Reddy went down against Indonesia's Rinov Rivaldy and Pitha Haningtyas Mentari in the semifinals of the ongoing Madrid Spain Masters on Saturday. The Indian pair lost 21-17, 21-12 in 29 minutes. PV Sindhu had bowed out on Friday.

FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

Barnes scores late double as Newcastle post thrilling victory

AGENCIES @ London

NEWCASTLE staged a sensational fightback to beat West Ham as Harvey Barnes' late double sealed a dramatic 4-3 win at St James' Park on Saturday.

Eddie Howe's side trailed 3-1 after Alexander Isak's early penalty was erased by goals from Michail Antonio and Mohammed Kudus before half-time. When Jarrod Bowen scored West Ham's third immediately after the break, Newcastle looked set for another dispiriting defeat in a troubled campaign.

But Isak converted a second penalty to give the Magpies hope and Barnes came off the bench to equalise before snatching the winner in the 90th minute. Newcastle's Anthony Gordon was sent off for a second booking in stoppage-time, but the hosts clung on for a much-needed victory.

After coming under fire from frustrated fans during their recent swoon, Howe's relief was clear to see as he sprinted down the touchline in celebration of Barnes' second goal.

Newcastle's Saudi owners would have expected their team to be much higher than their current mid-table berth after finishing in the top four last season. But Newcastle's second win in their last seven games in all competitions offered hope that Easter might serve as a rebirth for Howe and his spluttering team. Later, Tottenham Hotspur fought back to record a 2-1 win over Luton Town.

Harvey Barnes (L) wheels away in celebration after scoring against West Ham | AP

Results: Newcastle United **4-3** West Ham; Sheffield United **3-3** Fulham; Tottenham Hotspur **2-1** Luton; Chelsea **2-2** Burnley; Nottingham Forest **1-1** Crystal Palace; Bournemouth **2-1** Everton.

Napoli's CL hopes in tatters

MILAN: Napoli's Champions League hopes were left hanging by a thread after Saturday's 3-0 home humbling by Atalanta as the outgoing Serie A title holders showed support for Juan Jesus after a racism controversy. First-half goals from Aleksei Miranchuk and Gianluca Scamacca and a late Teun Koopmeiners strike boosted sixth-placed Atalanta's chances of a spot in Europe's top club competition.

Francesco Calzona's Napoli stay seventh, nine points behind Bologna who are fourth.

28 No-confidence motions moved in the Lok Sabha since 1951. There were 12 such motions between 1961 and 1970

ONE NATION, ONE POLL ON TOP OF NEW GOVT'S AGENDA

UPCOMING ELECTIONS OF STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES

2024

STATE	TERM ENDS
Arunachal	02 June
Sikkim	02 June
Andhra	11 June
Odisha	24 June
Haryana	03 Nov
Maharashtra	26 Nov

2025

Jharkhand	05 Jan
Delhi	23 Feb
Bihar	22 Nov

2026

West Bengal	07 May
Tamil Nadu	10 May
Assam	20 May
Kerala	23 May
Puducherry	15 June

2027

STATE	TERM ENDS
Manipur	13 Mar
Goa	14 Mar
Punjab	16 Mar
Uttarakhand	28 Mar
UP	22 May
Gujarat	19 Dec

2028

Himachal	01 Jan
Meghalaya	05 Mar
Nagaland	19 Mar
Tripura	23 Mar
Karnataka	21 May
Telangana	08 Dec
Mizoram	11 Dec
MP	17 Dec
Chhattisgarh	18 Dec
Rajasthan	19 Dec

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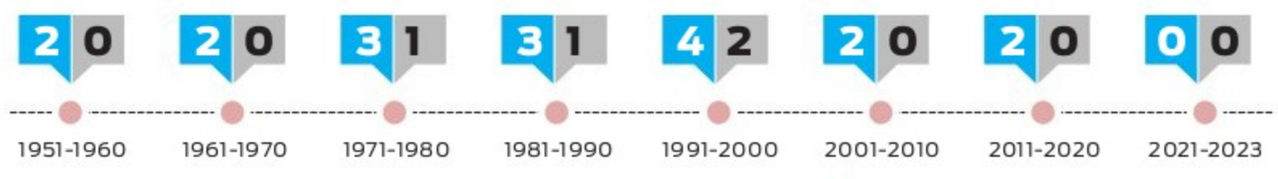

PREMATURE DISSOLUTION OF THE LOK SABHA — DECADE · GENERAL ELECTIONS TO THE LOK SABHA · DISSOLUTION

Simultaneous polls elsewhere

1 S AFRICA

The House of Assembly or the Lower House and Provincial Councils are elected by first-past-the-post voting in single-member electoral divisions. The electoral system for the National and Provincial Assemblies is based on "party-list proportional representation", which means that parties are represented in the proportion of electoral support to them. However, municipal elections are held separately in a five-year cycle.

2 SWEDEN

In Sweden, political parties are assigned a specified number of seats in the elected assembly based on their share of votes. They have a system where elections for the Parliament (Riksdag), County Councils and Municipal Councils all take place at the same time. These elections occur every four years on the second Sunday of September. Elections to the Municipal assemblies occur on the second Sunday of September, once every five years.

3 BELGIUM

In Belgium, one can vote in five different types of elections: European elections, for choosing representatives to the European Parliament; federal elections, for the Federal Parliament; regional elections, for the legislative bodies of the federated regions (like the Flemish Parliament, the Walloon Parliament, the Parliament of the Brussels Capital Region, the Parliament of the German-speaking Community); Provincial elections, for the Provincial Council; and Municipal elections, for the Municipal Council. Voting is mandatory in Belgium. Elections for the Federal Parliament are normally held every five years.

4 GERMANY

In Germany, the elections to the Bundestag (Lower House), Landtags (State Assembly) and local bodies occur simultaneously. They follow proportional representation and cannot simply remove the Chancellor with a vote of no-confidence because of the concept of "constructive vote of no-confidence". It gives Germany a stable government and prevents uncertainty.

5 INDONESIA

Its Constitutional Court struck down previous electoral laws and held that Indonesia will hold Presidential and legislative elections concurrently starting 2019. Political parties need 4% of votes to qualify for the National Parliament. A Presidential candidate needs more than 50% of votes cast overall and at least 20% of votes in more than half the country's provinces to win. On February 14 this year, Indonesia successfully conducted simultaneous elections.

6 PHILIPPINES

The Philippines has a Presidential form of government. It has been following a system of simultaneous elections for national and local bodies every three years since 1995.

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

ONE of the first decisions the new government will have to take after the Lok Sabha poll outcome is announced would be on the recommendations of a high-level committee on the concept of one nation, one election (ONOE). A panel led by former President Ram Nath Kovind, in its report on March 13, suggested that the President of India notify the date of the first sitting of the Lok Sabha after a general election as the 'appointed date' to kick off the synchronisation of the Lok Sabha and assembly elections - as a one-time arrangement. If Prime Minister Narendra Modi gets a repeat mandate, he would want to quickly set the process in motion as synchronisation of polls is part of the legacy he is intent to build under his watch.

The other momentous decision the new government will have to take is about setting a timetable for the Census of India, the subsequent delimitation of constituencies and the rollout of quota to women in the Lok Sabha and all state assemblies.

The idea of holding simultaneous elections is not new to India. The first four election cycles to the Lok Sabha and the state assemblies after Independence from 1952 to 1967 were held together. Later, the Article 356 was widely used to dissolve assemblies before their tenure ended. In addition, there were circumstances such as a hung House, no-confidence motions and other such events that resulted in the premature dissolution of the assemblies. As a result, elections to the Lok Sabha and the assemblies became progressively asymmetric.

For the ruling BJP, the promise of simultaneous polls is as old as its electoral debut in 1984. The party had promised it in its election manifesto when it first contested in the 1984 Lok Sabha elections after the Jan Sangh's demerger from the Janata Party in 1980. But the proposal drew scathing criticism from the Opposition as it feels it would impinge on the basic structure of the Constitution, be anti-democratic and anti-federal, marginalise regional parties, encourage the dominance of national parties and result in a presidential form of government. Recently, the ruling DMK government in Tamil Nadu in its election manifesto announced that the state would not implement the ONOE concept.

The Kovind panel

The Modi government in September 2023 appointed the Kovind panel to examine the feasibility of the ONOE promise the BJP has been making in successive election manifestos. After extensive consultations with stakeholders, the nine-member panel endorsed simultaneous elections to Parliament, state assemblies and local bodies. The voluminous report, which runs into more than 18,000 pages, proposes several constitutional amendments, most of which do not need ratification from the states.

The panel said simultaneous polls will spur development and social cohesion, deepen the "foundations of the democratic rubric" and help realise the aspirations of India, that is Bharat. The members of the panel include Union home minister Amit Shah, former Leader of Opposition Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad, former Lok Sabha Secretary General Subhash C Kashyap, former 15th Finance Commission Chairman N K Singh, senior Supreme Court lawyer Harish Salve and ex-Chief Vigilance Commissioner Sanjay Kothari. Though the Union government nominated Congress leader in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury as a member, he declined, saying, "I have no hesitation whatsoever in declining to serve on the Committee whose terms of reference have been prepared in a manner to guarantee its conclusions. It is, I am afraid, a total eyewash."

Why ONOE?

Arguing in favour of simultaneous polls, the panel said it will achieve administrative convenience and promote better utilisation of resources in a populous and diverse country like India. Synchronising the elections offers a pragmatic solution to streamline the electoral calendar, facilitate administrative convenience and optimise the use of financial and human resources. It also felt that the adoption of simultaneous elections would shift the government's attention to developmental activities and the implementation of policies aimed at promoting the welfare of the masses.

The report observed that frequent staggered elections disrupted policy continuity, fragmented political focus and imposed excessive costs on the nation. By synchronising elections, the report envisioned a more stable political landscape, allowing governments to prioritise governance over campaigning. It said the frequent imposition of the model code of conduct (MCC) prior to the polls affects the pace of the developmental and welfare programmes. The progress of government projects is compromised until the MCC is lifted, it said.

Besides, staggered elections induce voter fatigue, the report said. It went on to argue that frequent elections are a threat to national security and safety as a large number of paramilitary forces are diverted even from sensitive border areas for election duty. It also said certainty is important for decisions central to good governance, which leads to faster development. Uncertainty invariably leads to policy paralysis. Simultaneous elections serve to forge an improved architecture of governance, it contends.

Key proposals

To facilitate synchronised elections, the panel suggested a two-phase process — beginning with Lok Sabha and state assemblies, followed by elections to local bodies within 100 days of completion of the general elections. The first is a Presidential notification, issued on the date of the first sitting of the Lok Sabha after a general election to insert Article 82A into the Constitution and bring into force. That the date of the notification shall be called the 'appointed date'. The tenure of all state legislative assemblies, constituted by elections to assemblies after the appointed date and before the expiry of the full term of the Lok Sabha, shall be only for the period ending up to the subsequent general elections. Thereafter, all elections to the Lok Sabha and all assemblies shall be held together. For this purpose, the committee recommends that an implementation group be constituted to carry out its recommendations.

Shorter term for states

The rollout of the proposed simultaneous elections will begin in 2029 if the new government after the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections accepts the Kovind committee's recommendations and introduces constitutional amendments in Parliament. In essence, the tenures of several state assemblies would have to be curtailed between 2024 and 2029 to synchronise with the next Lok Sabha poll cycle. As per the Election Commission of India, six states are due for elections in 2024 - Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha in June, and Haryana and Maharashtra in November.

Three other states - Jharkhand, Bihar and Delhi - are due for elections in 2025. If the ONOP is implemented in 2029, the term of these three states will be shortened by a year (see table). The year 2026 will see West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Assam and Kerala besides the Union territory of Puducherry go to polls. All of them will have their terms cut by two years. Six states—Manipur, Goa, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat - that will go to polls in 2027 will have only two years in office. The remaining 10 states where assembly elections are due in 2028 will meet the worst fate as they will have only one year in office.

Constitutional amendments

As the first step for simultaneous elections, a Constitutional Amendment Bill needs to be introduced amending Article 83 (duration of Lok Sabha), and Article 172 (duration of state legislatures) besides inserting Article 82A, the report suggests. These amendments do not need ratification by the states.

However, to hold local body elections along with the other two tiers of governance, another Constitutional amendment bill has to be introduced so as to insert Article 324A and amend Article 325. "The insertion of Article 324A will ensure that in case the term of the Municipalities and Panchayats expires sooner than the expiry of five years from the date appointed from their first meeting, the term of such local bodies constituted under a mid-term election, will be to the unexpired period of their term until the next general elections," the report said.

Since these amendments touch upon state subjects (Entry 5) of Schedule VII, Part IX, and Part IX A of the Constitution, they need to be ratified by the states under Article 368(2) of the Constitution.

Hung House

The committee recommends that in the event of a hung House, no-confidence motion or any such event, fresh elections may be held to constitute a new House. If fresh mid-term elections are held for the Lok Sabha, the tenure will be only for the unexpired term of the immediately preceding full term. If fresh mid-term polls are necessitated for a state assembly, its tenure shall be up to the end of the full term of the Lok Sabha. The truncating of tenures in the event of mid-term polls for synchronisation requires amending Article 83 (duration of Houses of Parliament) and Article 172 (duration of state legislatures) of the Constitution.

Single electoral roll and Photo Identity Card

While the Election Commission of India is empowered to prepare the electoral rolls and the Elector's Photo Identity Card under Article 325, the State Election Commissions have the same powers under Article 243K and 243ZA for local body elections. But in many states, electoral rolls are prepared by the State Election Commissions after taking the data from the Chief Election Commissioner. However, in some cases, the electoral rolls are prepared by the State Election Commissions on their own. At times, it results in errors besides duplication of work. The committee therefore recommends the amendment of Article 325 so as to have a Single Electoral Roll and Single Elector's Photo Identity Card for all three tiers of government. This amendment will require ratification by the states.

EVMs and VVPATs

The committee recommends that for making logistical arrangements for the conduct of simultaneous elections, the Election Commission of India may estimate in advance the procurement of equipment such as EVMs and VVPATs, deployment of polling personnel and security forces, and other necessary arrangements. Similarly, for the elections to local bodies, State Election Commissions, in consultation with the Election Commission of India, may draw up similar plans.

For and against

Out of the 47 political parties that submitted their views to the panel, 32 were in favour of ONOE while 15 opposed it. While red-flagging the proposals, the Congress contended that implementing simultaneous elections would result in substantial changes to the basic structure of the Constitution. The party asserted that it would go against the guarantees of federalism and subvert parliamentary democracy. Contesting the argument that simultaneous elections will cut cost, the party said that people will be willing to consider this small amount as the cost of free and fair elections to uphold democracy. "There is no place for the concept of simultaneous elections in a country that has adopted a Parliamentary system of government," the Congress argued. In its submission, the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) said holding simultaneous elections would require premature dissolution of state assemblies, which is unconstitutional. The party went on to question the constitution of the high-level Kovind committee and raised questions on its jurisdiction.

Disapproving the concept, the Trinamool Congress questioned the constitutional and structural implications of the ONOE concept. According to the party, forcing the Vidhan Sabha to go for premature elections just for the sake of contemporaneity will be unconstitutional and ultimately lead to suppression of state issues.

In their response, the Samajwadi Party, Aam Aadmi Party and the CPM said it would lead to the domination of national over regional issues. They also observed that if simultaneous elections are implemented, state-level parties will not be able to compete with national parties in electoral strategy and expenditure, leading to increased discord between national and regional parties. The parties argued that the proposal would "institutionalize a Presidential form of government which cannot be dislodged by a vote of no-confidence. The Opposition said it will affect the choice of the voter and her right choice will not be reflected during such elections, thus infringing on the freedom of speech and expression.

Those in favour of the idea argue that synchronised elections would reduce the huge expenses incurred for conducting them. The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry or Ficci quantified the savings due to simultaneous polls at ₹7,500-12,000 crore.

For its part, the BJP said simultaneous elections "worked seamlessly between 1952 to 1967" and highlighted the subsequent recommendations from the ECI and other reports. The primary concerns raised include the significant loss of up to 800 days in five years due to the imposition of the model code of conduct, adversely affecting developmental work and governance.

The panel also sought suggestions from former Chief Justices of the Supreme Court and High Courts, former CECs, state election commissioners, the Bar Council of India, eminent economists and the general public.

Law Commission

Since 1983, various bodies including the Law Commission, Niti Aayog and other committees have studied the feasibility of simultaneous elections. "The concept of simultaneous elections has been featured in many reports and studies, essentially implying a return to the previous practice of conducting elections concurrently. In its inaugural annual report in 1983, the Election Commission of India advocated the idea of conducting simultaneous elections for both the House of the People and the State Legislative Assemblies," said the Kovind panel report. Though there were efforts to take up the idea in 2003 by the then prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, it did not garner enough support.

In 2015, a report by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice, endorsed simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and assemblies, saying that it would curb the massive cost of the current elections and the policy paralysis due to frequent imposition of the model code of conduct.

In 2015, a report by the NITI Aayog pointed out that the frequent election cycles cost money, paralyse governance and stymie development. In its reports of 1999, 2015, and 2018 (draft), the Law Commission recommended the holding of one-shot elections.

However, the reports flagged the Constitutional amendments required to necessitate the exercise. The 22nd Law Commission led by Justice Rituraj Awasthi drew up a roadmap for the roll-out of synchronised elections in the 2029 Lok Sabha elections. But there is no clarity on whether it submitted its report to the government though it did make a presentation before the high-powered Kovind panel. The Law Commission is now headless as its chairperson Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi recently joined the Lokpal of India as its judicial member.

How India started with ONOE

Going back to the history of elections in India, during the first two decades after Independence, Lok Sabha and assembly elections were held simultaneously during 1951-52, 1957, 1962 and 1967. However, due to the dissolution of certain state assemblies in 1968 and 1969 followed by the dissolution of the Lok Sabha in 1970 and the subsequent general elections in 1971, the cycle of simultaneous elections was disrupted. The cycle was first broken in Kerala when the first Communist dispensation led by E M S Namboodiripad was dismissed in 1959 after the Nehru government invoked Article 356 of the Constitution. The reason behind the synchronised elections till then was the dominance of the Congress party. Regional parties were not influential at that point in time.